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TRANSFER CASE NO. 113

Selected correspondence and working files, 1918–1929

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To the Society:
In December of last year, the Society entrusted to me an item of considerable historical significance for the purposes of digitization and long-term preservation. I write now to formally report the completion of that effort and to provide a summary of the collection, its physical condition, the methodology employed, and preliminary observations.

The materials were contained entirely within a paperboard flip-top document case manufactured by The Globe-Wernicke Company, bearing the designation No. 113. Accordingly, I respectfully designate this body of material as the "S.L. Ferguson Working Papers (Transfer Case 113)."

Based on comparative research, the transfer case is consistent with Globe-Wernicke production of the early twentieth century and may be reasonably dated to the period circa 1921 (see Alfred University Research & Archives, *"Letter from C. R. Miller to Ruth M. Carpenter, November 18, 1921"*). The case measures approximately 12" x 2-5/8" x 12".

Container Condition
The case exhibits moderate to heavy foxing throughout, with generalized discoloration consistent with age-related acidic degradation. Evidence of prior moisture exposure is present in the form of faint tide lines and uneven toning. Surface soiling is visible. No active mold was observed; staining appears historic. Overall, the enclosure is stable but reflects prolonged storage in a non-climate-controlled environment.

Contents Condition
The contents comprise approximately 250 sheets of typewritten correspondence. The original typescripts are in excellent condition, exhibiting minimal discoloration and no observable embrittlement. Approximately 30% of the material consists of lightweight duplicate copies, likely contemporaneous carbon copies produced on thin, low-weight stock. These sheets remain largely intact but are mechanically fragile, with increased susceptibility to tearing and edge loss, and required careful handling during flatbed digitization.

The enclosure also contained thirteen Globe-Wernicke file folders, which are intact but exhibit pronounced brittleness consistent with aged wood-pulp paper. At the time of accessioning, these folders were empty, and the documents were found loosely arranged within the case.

Taken as a whole, the contents are in notably superior condition relative to the enclosure in which they were housed.

Digitization Methodology and Equipment
Digitization was performed using the following equipment:

- Epson FF-680W document scanner
- Brother MFC-L8900CDW

All images were captured at 300 DPI and saved as TIFF files with LZW compression. Access copies were generated as PDFs with the image files embedded as 150 DPI JPEGs.

The majority of the contents were digitized in full. Excluded from digitization were several dozen newspaper clippings found within a Transcontinental Pipeline trade mailer envelope dating to the 1960s. The envelope was addressed to Rachel Lawson, daughter of S.L. Ferguson.

Provenance Observations
While not conclusively established through direct material evidence, it is my considered opinion that the collection was maintained by Rachel Lawson prior to its deposit with the Society. This inference is supported by the presence of the aforementioned envelope, as well as a handwritten notation on the transfer case reading: *“for Bobby Jamerson to look over.”*

This suggests a probable chain of custody extending through the Jamerson period of the Society’s stewardship.

Post-Processing and Return Condition
The contents are returned in substantially their original condition, with the sole intervention being rehousing for preservation purposes. Materials have been placed into 9” x 12” Tyvek envelopes, organized by scan group. Items not digitized have been segregated and clearly labeled accordingly.

Content Topics and Notable Items
The single largest thread running through these papers is the correspondence between Ferguson and Harry Flood Byrd. Twenty-nine items document a relationship that moved freely between statecraft and personal friendship. Between late 1925 and early 1928, Byrd wrote to Ferguson first as a newspaper publisher and gubernatorial candidate outlining tax-reform proposals, then as Governor seeking Ferguson’s counsel on constitutional amendments, state advertising

appropriations, and the coordination of state and county road authorities. Interspersed with these policy letters are exchanges of a decidedly more personal character: Byrd passed along apple-market intelligence, quoting prices for Winesap varieties by size; invited Ferguson and his wife to spend weekends at the Governor's mansion and at Winchester; and appointed Ferguson as Virginia's delegate to the National Convention of the National Council of State Legislatures in late 1927. The correspondence offers a granular view of the Byrd political organization at the county level, how patronage requests, endorsement resolutions, and legislative strategy were coordinated between Richmond and the rural Southside.

Roads and transportation constitute the second dominant subject, with twenty-seven items spanning highway-route lobbying, freight claims, port development, and railway matters. Ferguson appears as an active intermediary: pressing the Highway Commission for road improvements in Charlotte County on behalf of Clerk H. B. Chermside, corresponding with the Norfolk and Western Railway over local shipping disputes for Burton & Briel, Inc., and participating in the Highway Route 10 Completion Association's strategy for securing state funding at public hearings. A resolution from the Pamplin City Council, a Virginia Historic Highway Association map, and letters from the Hampton Roads Port Commission and the State Port Authority round out a picture of Ferguson's sustained engagement with the infrastructure questions that preoccupied 1920s Virginia.

The apple and tobacco trades recur throughout the collection. In addition to the Byrd apple-marketing letters noted above, Ferguson corresponded with the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station about the commercial prospects of Stayman and Ben Davis varieties, received thanks from acquaintances for gifts of Grimes Golden apples, and maintained contact with leaf-tobacco dealers in Drakes Branch and the Pamplin Tobacco Company. Three letters from or on behalf of the Farmers' Cooperative Tobacco Association reflect anxiety among Southside growers that the cooperative was being undermined.

Education and public welfare appear in a cluster of items touching school construction, teacher pay, and institutional care. Ferguson exchanged letters with Raymond V. Long, Supervisor of School Buildings for the State Board of Education, concerning the acoustics of a new auditorium in Appomattox. A report from the Virginia State Board of Public Welfare describes the care of over two thousand children committed by the courts, while separate letters advocate for increased appropriations for impoverished Confederate women and for a prosthetic limb for a local man through the Bureau of Industrial Rehabilitation.

A handful of items document Ferguson's broader political network: endorsement letters for judicial appointments, correspondence with U.S. Senator Claude A. Swanson regarding a bill to inspect the Appomattox surrender grounds, lobbying from the Shenandoah National Park Association, a resolution concerning the Virginia War Memorial Carillon, and a letter from the

South Carolina Speaker of the House opposing a proposed federal inheritance tax. A letter from P. R. Miller of Glenmore advocates for a law prohibiting the carrying of pistols, couched in the explicit language of its era.

Other items of incidental interest include a certificate of electrical-wiring inspection for Ferguson's dwelling (likely *Courtland*) in the Town of Appomattox, an informational card for The Bank of Appomattox listing its directors, and a handwritten letter from a worker at the State Colony requesting that Ferguson introduce a bill to raise their pay to $2.50 per day for twelve-hour shifts.

Notable among these materials is a 1927 letter from Dr. J. H. Bell of the State Colony near Lynchburg referencing the sterilization of Carrie Buck following the conclusion of litigation before the United States Supreme Court. The collection contains five items in total from or concerning the State Colony for Epileptics and Feeble-Minded. Three are letters from Dr. Bell to Ferguson: one from January 1926 discusses the furloughing of institutionalized persons and quotes an opinion of the Attorney General; a second, also from January 1926, advocates for new construction at the Colony and describes the institution's overcrowded conditions; and the October 1927 letter, in which Bell thanks Ferguson for a gift of apples and reports matter-of-factly that Carrie Buck has been sterilized.

Taken together, these five documents illuminate the routine legislative relationship between the Colony and the General Assembly and, in the Bell sterilization letter, preserve a primary-source record of one of the most consequential episodes in American eugenics jurisprudence.

In submitting this report, I remain available to the Society for any further clarification, review, or direction regarding the ongoing stewardship, interpretation, or publication of these materials. It has been my privilege to carry out this work under the Society's trust, and I respectfully return the collection, together with its digital surrogates, for such use and disposition as the Society deems appropriate.

As always, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

N. A. Simpson

S. L. Ferguson

Working Papers

Transfer Case 113

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144 items · circa 1925–1929

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Senate Bill No. 50, a bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled 'An act incorporating Pamplin City, Virginia,' approved March 24, 1874, as heretofore amended.

Item ID: MSL-20260320.48

Date: 1874-03-24

Author: Ferguson

Recipient: Virginia. General Assembly. Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation

Scope and Content:

Senate Bill No. 50, sponsored by Mr. Ferguson, referred to the Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation of the Virginia General Assembly. The bill proposes to amend and re-enact the act of March 24, 1874, which incorporated Pamplin City. It reaffirms that the town of Pamplin City, located in Appomattox and Prince Edward counties, shall continue as a town corporate with all previously conferred powers.

SENATE BILL No. 50

A BILL

To amend and re-enact an act entitled "An act incorporating Pamplin City, Virginia," approved March 24, 1874, as heretofore amended.

Patron—Mr. Ferguson

Referred to Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation

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1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, That an act entitled "An act incorporating Pamplin City, Virginia," approved March twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, as heretofore amended, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

2. The town of Pamplin City, in the counties of Appomattox and Prince Edward, as the same has been heretofore laid off into lots, streets and alleys, and as the same may be hereafter laid off and extended into lots, streets, and alleys, shall be and continue to be, and is hereby made a town corporate by the name of the Town of Pamplin City, and by that name shall have and exercise all the powers conferred upon

towns of less than five thousand population by the laws of the State of Virginia.

3. The boundaries of said town shall be as follows: Beginning at a rock pile on the Hixburg road, above a place commonly known as Lowe's crossing; thence forty degrees, west fifty poles, to a point in Davis' field; thence south sixteen degrees, west fifty-six and a half poles, to a white oak on Lynchburg road; thence south seven degrees, east one hundred and thirty-eight poles to a red oak, on Franklin's estate; thence south thirty-five degrees, east eighty poles, to a white oak; thence seventy-two degrees, east one hundred and four and a half poles to a rock pile on Elkin's line; thence north thirty degrees, east seventy-six and three-fifths poles to a white oak; thence north thirty-six degrees, west fifty-seven poles, to a fence post on the new road to Pamplin City; thence north three degrees, east fifty-three and four-fifths poles to an oak tree; thence north seventy-seven and one-half degrees, west fifty-one and one-half poles, to a poplar tree near a branch in Merrell's land; thence north thirty-six degrees, west eighty-eight poles, to a rock in Dore Pamplin's field; thence north fifteen degrees, west eighty-six poles, to the beginning.

4. There shall be elected by the qualified voters of said town, every two years, on the second Tuesday of June, one elector

thereof, who shall be denominated the mayor, and six electors who shall be denominated the councilmen of said town. The mayor and councilmen shall constitute the council of said town. The first election under this act shall be held on the second Tuesday in June in the year nineteen hundred and eight. And the mayor and councilmen of said town who constitute the present council thereof, and all the other officers of said town shall continue in office and to discharge the duties thereof until the term for which they were respectively elected or appointed shall have expired, and until their successors shall have been elected or appointed, and qualified.

5. The electoral board of the county of Appomattox (in which county the greater part of said town is situated) shall, not less than fifteen days before any election in said town, appoint one registrar and three judges of election for said town, and the said judges of election shall also act as commissioners of election. The said registrars shall, before any election in said town, register all voters who are residents of said town, and who shall have previously registered in the county, or either of them, in which said town is situated, and none others. The said registrar shall be governed, as to his qualifications and powers, and in the performance of his duties by

the general laws of this Commonwealth, so far as the same may be applicable.

6. Such lists of registered voters shall be placed by the registrar in the hands of the judges of election, who shall, at the time and in the manner prescribed by law, open a poll at the place designated by an ordinance of said town, or by the judges of election; and the manner of receiving the ballots and of canvassing the vote shall conform to the general law, and for the purpose of canvassing the vote the judges of the election shall meet at the clerk's office of the county of Appomattox and, acting as commissioners of election, shall canvass the vote and declare the result. The clerk of said county shall be ex-officio clerk of said board of canvassers so constituted, any two of whom shall constitute a quorum, and said clerk shall immediately make out, in pursuance of the determination of the commissioners, a certificate of election of each of the persons having the highest number of votes for mayor and councilmen, respectively, and for any other office in said town voted for at such election, or in case of a tie, who have been decided by lot to have been elected, and deliver the same to the person elected upon his making application therefor.

7. The persons so elected shall enter upon the duties of their office on the first day of September next succeeding their

election, and shall continue in the office until their terms shall have expired and their sucessors shall have qualified.

8. Every person elected a councilman of said town shall take an oath faithfully to execute the duties of his office to the best of his judgment. The person elected mayor shall take oath prescribed by law for all State officers.

9. In addition to the powers conferred by the general laws of Virginia, the council of said town shall have power to lay off streets, walks, and alleys; alter, improve, and light the same and have them kept in good order, to lay off public grounds and provide all buildings proper for the town; to provide a prison house and workhouse, and employ managers, physicians, nurses and servants for same, prescribe regulations for their government and discipline, and for the persons therein; to prescribe the time for holding markets and regulate the same; to prevent injury or annoyance from anything dangerous, offensive, or unhealthy, and cause any nuisance to be abated; to regulate the keeping of gun-powder and other combustibles, and provide magazines for the same; to provide in or near the town water works, and places for the interment of the dead; to prevent pollution of the water and injury to the water works, for which purpose their jurisdiction shall extend five

miles above the same; to make regulations concerning the building of houses in the town; to make regulations for the purpose of guarding against danger from accidents by fire, and, on the petitions of the owners of not less than two-thirds of the ground included in any square, to prohibit the erection in such square of any building, or any addition to any building more than ten feet high, unless the outer walls thereof be made of brick and mortar, or of stone and mortar, and provide for the removal of any building or addition erected contrary to such prohibition; to provide for the weighing or measuring of hay, coal, or any other articles for sale, and regulate the transportation thereof through the streets; protect the property of the town and its inhabitatants, and preserve peace and good order therein. For carrying into effect these and other powers, they may make ordinances and by-laws, and prescribe fines or other punishments for violation thereof, keep a town guard, appoint a collector of taxes and levies, and such other officers as they may deem proper, define their powers, prescribe their duties and compensation, and take from any of them a bond, with sureties, in such penalty as to the council may seem fit, payable to the town by its corporate name, and with condition for the faithful discharge of the said duties.

10. The council of the said town, four members whereof, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, may adopt rules for regulation of their proceedings, but no tax shall be levied or corporate debt contracted unless by a vote of two-thirds of the council, which vote shall be taken by yeas and nays, and recorded on the journal. The mayor shall preside over the council, and when he is absent they may appoint a president pro tempore. A journal shall be kept of their proceedings, and at the request of any member present the yeas and nays shall be taken on any question. At the next meeting the proceedings shall be read and signed by the person who was presiding when the previous meeting adjourned, or if he be not present, by the person presiding when they were read.

11. In addition to the State tax on any license, the council of said town may, when anything for which a license is so required within said town, impose a tax for the privilege of doing the same, and require a license to be obtained therefor; and in any case in which they see fit, require from the person or corporation so licensed bond, with sureties, in such penalty and with such condition as they may deem proper, or make other regulations concerning the same. They may also impose a tax and require a license to be obtained for the privilege of keeping in the town for hire any wheeled carriage.

12. The council of said town shall cause to be made up and entered on their journal an account of all sums lawfully chargeable on the town which ought to be paid within one year, and order a town levy of so much as in their opinion is necessary to be raised in that way in addition to what may be received for licenses and from other sources. The levy so ordered may be upon the male persons in the said town above the age of twenty-one years, and upon any property therein and on such other subjects as may at the time be assessed with State taxes against persons residing therein, subject to local taxation.

13. The time for the regular meeting of the council of said town shall be the first Tuesday in each month; and the council may be convened at any time upon the call in writing of the mayor, or any three members thereof.

14. The jursidiction of the corporate authorities of said town in criminal matters, and for the purpose of imposing and collecting a license tax on all shows, performances and exhibitions shall extend one mile beyond the corporate limits thereof.

15. The mayor of said town and the other members of the council shall be clothed with all the powers and authority of a justice in civil matters within the corporate limits of the

town and in criminal matters within said limits and one mile beyond same; and shall have power to issue process, hear and determine all prosecutions, cases and controversies which may arise under the by-laws and ordinances of the town; impose fines and inflict punishment when and wherever they are authorized by said by-laws and ordinances, and issue executions for the collection of said fines; and appeals may be taken to the circuit court of the county from their decisions in both civil and criminal matters in the same manner, and upon the same terms, and be tried in the same way as appeals from the decision of a justice are taken and tried in like cases, except that no appeal shall be granted from the decision of the mayor or the member of the council trying the same imposing a fine for the violation of any of the ordinances or by-laws of said town for offenses not made criminal by the common law or the statutes of Virginia until and after bond be given by the person so fined, with security approved by the mayor or councilman imposing the same, conditioned to pay all fines, costs, and damages that may be awarded by the said court on appeal; the penalty of said bond to be double the sum sufficient to pay all such fines, costs, and damages.

16. The town of Pamplin city shall have the use of the jail of Appomattox county, to aid the constituted authorities

of said town in maintaining peace and good order, and generally for the enforcement of its ordinances and by-laws, unless for good cause the judge of the circuit court of said county shall prohibit such use.

17. In consideration that the said town shall work and keep in order all streets, alleys and roads within its corporate limits, except State highways, the residents and property therein shall be exempt from the payment of all county and district road taxes heretofore and hereafter charged and levied against the same, and for this purpose the council of the said town may impose a tax on all property mentioned under section twelve hereof, not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollar value thereof, which shall be in addition to the tax or levy authorized in sections eleven and twelve hereof and the town of Pamplin shall constitute a separate road district, in the counties of Appomattox and Prince Edward.

18. All streets, cross streets, roads, and sidewalks already laid off and open to the public, and now used by the public as such according to law, or which may at any time be surveyed and opened to the public in the said town, be and are hereby established as public streets, cross streets, and walkways, and as such shall be under the jurisdiction and control of the said town, and shall not be obstructed, changed, or relocated, by any

abutting property holder without the written consent of the said council of the said town.

19. An emergency existing, this act shall be in force from its passage.

Description of the resolution declaring war on the Imperial German Government

Item ID: MSL-20260320.60

Date: 1917-04-02

Author: —

Recipient: —

Scope and Content:

A typed document describing the introduction of the resolution declaring war on the Imperial German Government in the United States Congress. The resolution was introduced on April 2, 1917, by two distinguished Virginians: Senator Thomas S. Martin, Chairman of the Appropriation Committee, and Representative Henry D. Flood, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The document notes that after passing both houses of Congress, the resolution was signed by another distinguished Virginian, President Woodrow Wilson. There are handwritten annotations of the dates "Apr. 2, '17" and "Apr. 5, '17".

The resolution declaring war upon the Imperial German Government was introduced in Congress by two distinguished Virginians, in the Senate of the United States Apr. 2, 1917 by Hon. Thomas S. Martin, Chairman of the Appropriation Committee of the Senate, and in the House of Representatives, Apr. 5, 1917 by Hon. Henry D. Flood, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House. After passing both Houses of Congress it was signed by another distinguished Virginian Hon. Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States.

Letter to Senator W. A. Garrett regarding appropriation for the relief of needy Confederate women

Item ID: MSL-20260320.13

Date: 1920-01-27

Author: —

Recipient: Senator W. A. Garrett, Chairman, Committee on Finance, State Capitol, Richmond, Virginia.

Scope and Content:
Typescript letter to Senator W. A. Garrett, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, concerning a bill passed in 1916 that appropriated $10,000 per year for the relief of needy Confederate women in Virginia. The letter outlines the conditions for receiving the aid, including that beneficiaries must be residents of Virginia, not on the State pension rolls, not inmates of institutions, and can receive no more than $50 per year. It mentions the advocacy of Mrs. Norman V. Randolph and the role of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in certifying the worthiness of applicants. The letter appears to support the continuation of the appropriation.

Copy

January 27, 1926.

Senator W. A. Garrett, Chairman,
Committee on Finance,
State Capitol,
Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

In 1916 the Legislature passed a Bill appropriating $10,000. per annum for the years 1916 and 1917 and the payments therefrom were,

> " - - - to be made by the State Auditor, by his warrants drawn upon the State Treasury, for the relief of needy Confederate women who are not upon the State pension rolls, and who are not inmates of any Confederate, independent or church homes or charitable institution."

The Bill further provided, in respect to the amounts that should be paid to each person, as follows:

> " - - - provided, that only confederate women who are residents of Virginia can be beneficiaries under this act, subject to its limitations and requirements, and that no beneficiary hereunder shall receive more than fifth dollars ($50.00) in any one year."

Since the passage of said Bill, the Legislature has continued to make this appropriation without any increase. The Bill was passed at the urgent representation and solicitation of Mrs. Norman V. Randolph who has been devoting her life to helping needy and destitute Confederate women, as well as at the solicitation of others who were interested in this cause.

Before these payments can be made by the State, the worthiness of the applicant must be passed upon and approved by certain officers of the Relief Association of the Virginia Division of the UnitedDaughters of the Confederacy, and they are required to certify to the auditor of Public Accounts on blanks furnished by him, complete facts as to the worthiness of the applicant to receive the payment.

Letter from Meade Ferguson to Sam

Item ID: MSL-20260104.60
Date: 1922-10-17
Author: Ferguson, Meade
Recipient: Sam

Scope and Content:
Handwritten letter from Dr. Meade Ferguson to Sam on his professional letterhead. Ferguson states he is enclosing a copy of a letter he wrote to Clement. He also thanks Sam for a happy evening and hopes to see him again soon.

NITROGEN CULTURE
FOR LEGUMES

DR. MEADE FERGUSON
BACTERIOLOGIST

BACTERIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS
ALL KINDS

P. O. BOX 611
RICHMOND, VA.

10/17/27

Dear Sam

I enclose copy of letter I have written to Clement.

Thank you for a very happy few hours yesterday evening — Hope to see you soon sometime soon —

Ever your friend

Meade Ferguson

Letter from John W. West to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.29
Date: 1925-01-19
Author: West, John W.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from John W. West, an attorney in Onancock, Virginia, to Senator S. L. Ferguson in Richmond. West writes in support of the re-election of Judge N. B. Wescott for the Judgeship of the 31st Judicial District. He states that Wescott is being opposed by former House of Delegates member Mr. John E. Nottingham. West argues that it would be an "outrage" not to re-elect Wescott, who served the unexpired term of the late Judge Fletcher in a "fearless, faithful and capable manner." He asks Senator Ferguson to use his influence on behalf of Judge Wescott's candidacy.

JOHN W. WEST
ATTORNEY AT LAW
ONANCOCK, VA.

January 19, 1925.

Senator S. L. Ferguson,
Richmond, Va.

My dear Senator:

No doubt 'ere this time you have heard of the contested Judgship of the 31st Judicial District. of which Judge N. B. Wescott is a candidate for re-election, who is opposed by Mr. John E. Nottingham, a former member of the House of Delegates.

As a member of the Accomack Bar, I personally feel that it is a great injustice to Judge Wescott for him not to be re-appointed for the ensuing term. Judge Wescott has served out the unexpired term of the late Judge Fletcher in a most fearless, faithful and capable manner, and I feel sure that I bespeak the concensus of public opinion of the entire Eastern Shore, which comprises the 31st Judicial District, in saying that it would be an outrage for him to be removed or not re-elected without rhyme or reason when he, in the evening of his life saw fit to give up a lucrative practice to accept the Judgship at the request of the members of the Bar.

It would indeed be greatly appreciated if you will use whatever influence you might have in behalf of Judge Wescott's candidacy for re-election.

Very truly yours,

John W. West

W/B

Letter from Harry F. Byrd to S. L. Ferguson regarding a tax plan

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Item ID: MSL-20260104.81

Date: 1925-12-05

Author: Byrd, Harry Flood, 1887-1966

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Letter from Harry Flood Byrd, publisher of The Evening Star newspaper, to S. L. Ferguson concerning a proposed tax reform plan for Virginia. Byrd outlines the financial impact of repealing tax on land and personal property for several counties in Ferguson's district, including Appomattox, Buckingham, Cumberland, and Charlotte. Handwritten figures show the projected 'Gain by repeal of tax on land and personal property', 'Loss in intangibles', and 'Net gain' for each county.

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THE EVENING STAR

HARRY FLOOD BYRD, Publisher.

"IN THE HEART OF THE APPLE BELT."

WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

December 5, 1925.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Virginia

Dear Sam:

I enclose you in brief the tax plan I propose and I would deeply appreciate your frank and constructive criticism.

I think that tax reform is the greatest problem now confronting Virginia. I believe that the plan I suggest is logical and makes as few changes as possible. It is a dangerous thing to make too many changes in taxation at one time and disturb the sensitive arteries of business.

Under this plan your district will fare as follows:

Appomattox County. Gain by repeal of tax on land and personal property $8026
Loss in intangibles $1834
Net Gain $6191-

Buckingham County. Gain by repeal of tax on land and personal property $8886-
Loss in intangibles 436
Net Gain $8449

Cumberland County. Gain by repeal of tax on land and personal property $5386-
Loss in intangibles 427
Net Gain $4959

Charlotte County. Gain by repeal of tax on land and personal property $14916
Loss in intangibles none
Net Gain $14916

Letter from James M. Hayes, Jr., Motor Vehicle Commissioner, to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.2

Date: 1925-12-15

Author: Hayes, James M., Jr.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Letter from James M. Hayes, Jr., Virginia Motor Vehicle Commissioner, to Senator S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox, Virginia. Hayes encloses a combined statement of automobile license and gas tax collections and expenses for 1924 and 1925. He provides collection totals and costs for 1924 and up to July 1, 1925. Hayes also informs the senator that he is forwarding his annual report and a review of the Pennsylvania State Highway Patrol, highlighting Virginia's need for an adequate highway patrol to control increasing traffic and fatalities.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

OFFICE OF

MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSIONER

RICHMOND

JAMES M. HAYES, JR.
COMMISSIONER

December 15, 1925.

Senator S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith combined statement of automobile license and gas tax collections and expenses for the years 1924 and 1925 up to July 1, also statement of gas tax collections from June 28, 1923, when the Act became effective, up to and including the July tax.

You will observe that $6,956,462.92 was collected in 1924 at a total cost of $178,589.70, or less than .026%, and that $5,362,854.01 has been collected up to July 1, 1925, at a total cost of $74,046.95, or less than .014%.

I am also forwarding to you under separate cover my annual Report to the Governor and a copy of the Educational Review of the Pennsylvania State Highway Patrol. What Virginia needs at this time is an adequate Highway Patrol, in view of the ever increasing fatalities. I feel that, if at your leisure, you will read this booklet thoroughly, it will give you an idea as to how our increasing traffic can be controlled in this State.

I trust these statements, my report, and this booklet will furnish you an idea as to the operation of this Department.

Awaiting your commands, I am

Yours very truly,

J. M. Hayes Jr.

Motor Vehicle Commissioner.

Letter from Wilkins J. Ozlin to Senator S. L. Ferguson regarding committee appointments

Item ID: MSL-20260104.52

Date: 1925-12-18

Author: Ozlin, Wilkins J.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:

A typed letter on Kendig Brothers Hospital letterhead from an unnamed author (inferred to be Wilkins J. Ozlin, whose name is on the staff list) to Senator S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox, Virginia. The author discusses committee appointments in Richmond, referencing a previous conversation and a discussion about Governor Byrd's successor on the Steering Committee. He addresses a controversy that he is "asking for too much," clarifying that he has not asked for anything specific and only wants a fair appointment where he can render a service. He describes how established members are trying to claim the best assignments from three retiring members, which would leave "practically nothing for the new men." He asks Senator Ferguson to keep this in mind and to use his influence so that no definite decisions are made prematurely.

Kendig Brothers Hospital

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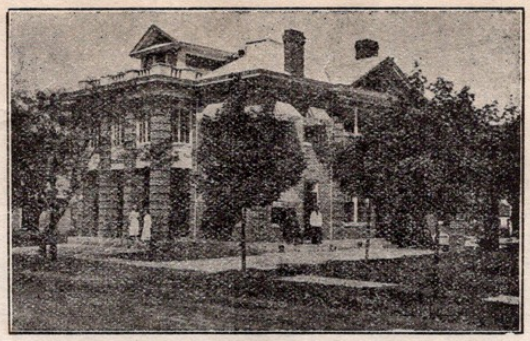

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Dec. 18, 1925.

Senator S. L. Ferguson,

Appomattox, Va.

Dear Senator Ferguson:

You recall that sometime ago in Richmond I asked you to look after my Committee appointments for me. You will also recall that we discussed the successor to Governor Byrd on the Steering Committee.

I understand there is considerable controversy among some of the members as to these Committee appointments, and I also understand that some of them suggested that I was asking for too much. The fact is I have not asked for anything. Several others have discussed Committee appointments with me but you are the only person that I have asked to look out for me in this matter and then I was not specific as to appointments. In view of those circumstances I cannot see how they could think that I was asking for too much.

I only want what is just and fair and only such appointments where I can render a service, but I do expect my friends to help me get myself in a position to render a service which will make it worth while for me to spend my time in Richmond these two months.

The situation as to the general Committee appointments for the three new members appears to me in this way. It seems that some of the old members are rushing in to get the best Committee assignments held by the three retiring members, and of course expect to give up some minor assignment in place of them. This will leave practically nothing for the new men.

I just write you these things so that you might think over them. I want you to know that I am not making any special request at present. I only want you to bear in mind what I told you in Richmond and this letter. The main object in writing you is to ask that you and others interested, as far as you are able, to influence will not decide definitely

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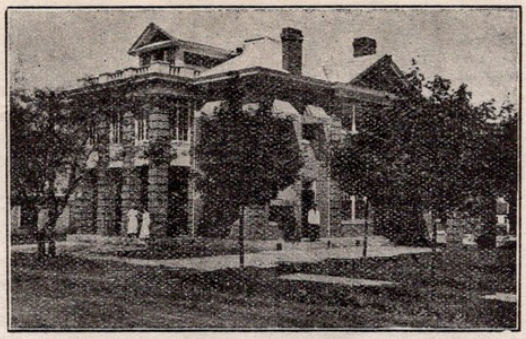

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upon any of these matters until we can get to Richmond a few days before the Legislature convenes. I will be in Richmond on the 11th of January and then we can talk the matter over.

I want to assure you that I only want whatis just and right and will not make any special request for assignments until we look the field over in Richmond if this is agreeable to you. If you think this is satisfactory, I would appreciate it if you will write me. If this matter will be determined earlier, then I would like to have a conference about it.

Again assuring you of my sincere cooperation, I remain

Sincerely yours,

E. L. Kendig

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Letter from T. J. Ingram, Jr., Secretary of The Virginia Historic Highway Association, to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.35
Date: 1925-12-19
Author: Ingram, T. J., Jr.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
A typed letter from the Secretary of The Virginia Historic Highway Association to Senator S. L. Ferguson. The letter acknowledges Senator Ferguson's decision not to renew his membership in the association, expresses pleasure for his past membership, and regret that he will not be continuing.

The Virginia Historic Highway Association

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Lynchburg, Va.,

December 19, 1925.

Senator S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Senator Ferguson:-

I have your letter of December 17th and in accordance with your wishes I have noted that you do not wish to renew your membership in the Historic Highway Association.

We are very pleased indeed to have you as a member in the past, and are sorry that you do not see your way clear to continue your membership.

With my kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

SECRETARY.

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Letter from Edgar A. Brown, Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives, regarding a proposed federal inheritance tax

Item ID: MSL-20260320.43

Date: 1925-12-29

Author: Brown, Edgar A.

Recipient: Members of State Legislatures in the United States

Scope and Content:

A typed letter from Edgar A. Brown, Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives, addressed to members of state legislatures throughout the United States. Brown argues against a pending federal revenue bill that would levy a 20% inheritance tax on all estates. He contends this is an infringement on states' rights, designed to force states to enact uniform inheritance tax legislation rather than to raise revenue. He urges the recipient to introduce a resolution in their own legislature to protest the bill and to inform their respective Congressman and Senator of their opposition. He mentions that a similar resolution will be introduced in the South Carolina House by Hon. Carroll D. Nance.

EDGAR A. BROWN, SPEAKER | TAYLOR H. STUKES, SPEAKER PRO TEM. | J. WILSON GIBBES, CLERK

State of South Carolina

House of Representatives

Office of The Speaker

Dec. 29, 1925.

My dear Sir: Columbia, S. C.

This letter is addressed to every member of a State Legislature, or Senate, in the United States.

As a member of the Legislature of a sovereign State, I hold that we have no concern in the actions of Congress, as long as they do not interfere with the function of the State to levy and collect taxes, by means and methods devised by the individual State for State purposes. But I further hold that when Congress attempts to levy a tax on a particular thing for and on behalf of the State and to prescribe the method and means of collecting the same, that then the State becomes a party to that transaction and the Legislature ought to be consulted.

There is pending before the Congress of the United States at this time the annual revenue Bill carrying a provision, which in my opinion, goes further to forever wipe out the last vestige of the rights of the States, than any legislation heretofore proposed. The provision which I refer to is the inheritance tax section, which would levy a maximum tax of 20% on all estates, with certain exemptions, but without regard to dependents or next of kin. It further provides that any State may pass legislation to conform, and collect 16% of this tax and the Government will take 4%. Failing to have a special session of your Legislature or a Constitutional Convention, if necessary, to conform your State laws to the Act of Congress (which would have to be done in every State) the Government would take the entire tax. It is openly stated in Washington that the proponents of this legislation do not hope to raise revenue for the Government, but that they want to force the various States to enact uniform inheritance tax legislation. And they go further and tell you frankly that some of those who are sponsoring this measure, believe that the Federal Government should enact a uniform income, gasoline and other taxes.

The enclosed schedule shows the present rate on inheritances in the various States, all of which Congress would force you to change to 16% or penalize that State for not so doing.

In South Carolina we want to protest against this kind of Federal legislation. We have a small inheritance tax, which we want to keep, at least for the present. The question isn't one of being for or against the inheritance tax, but one of Congress dictating to the State as to how we shall levy and collect it. A resolution similar to the copy enclosed will be introduced at our session which begins January 12, by Hon. Carroll D. Nance, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and I hope passed without a dissenting vote. If your Assembly meets, and there is merit in the facts I have given you, and you agree with me, I suggest a similar resolution. If not, I know your Congressmen and Senator would appreciate knowing your attitude on this matter. The matter will be taken up before the Senate early in January. Please, therefore, take immediate action.

With the compliments of the Season, I am,

Yours very truly,

SPEAKER.

The following schedule shows the state inheritance tax rate on close kin commonly designated as Class "A" in the state statutes:-

	MAXIMUM RATE IN CLASS "A"		MAXIMUM RATE IN CLASS "A"
Alaska	3½%	Nebraska	1
Arizona	5	Nevada	None
Alabama	None	New Hampshire	2
Arkansas	10	New Jersey	3
California	12	New Mexico	1½
Colorado	7	New York	4
Connecticut	4	North Carolina	5
Delaware	4	North Dakota	4
Florida	None	Ohio	4
Georgia	3	Oklahoma	4
Hawaii	3½	(*)Oregon	None
Idaho	3	Pennsylvania	2
Illinois	14	Phillipine Islands	16
Indiana	4	Porto Rico	4
Iowa	7	Rhode Island	3
Kansas	2½	South Carolina	6
Kentucky	6	South Dakota	4
Louisiana	3	Tennessee	5
Maine	2	Texas	6
(*)Maryland	None	Utah	5
Massachusetts	7	Vermont	5
Michigan	8	Virginia	5
Minnesota	4	Washington	10
Mississippi	10	West Virginia	7
Missouri	6	Wisconsin	10
Montana	4	Wyoming	8

If the Bill now pending before Congress passes the above rates will automatically be fixed at 16%, without regard to family relation and if your legislature is not in session and your state wishes to avail itself of the 16% that the government will allow the state to take, a special session of your legislature will be required. If the inheritance tax question is in your state constitution you would have to have a constitutional convention and then a special session of the legislature to pass an enabling act to conform with the Act of Congress.

RESOLUTION

With no purpose of resurrecting issues which once divided the nation, but viewing with alarm the proposed encroachment of the federal government upon what has been from the beginning of American democracy the prerogative of the sovereign state to levy and collect its own taxes as assessed against property for the support of the state government--a function which, in our opinion, must remain exclusively that of the state to exercise independently--we confess to serious concern for the future of both the nation as a whole and the separate commonwealths comprising it if the far-reaching principles involved in the Federal Revenue Bill now pending before Congress, particularly with reference to the Inheritance Tax feature thereof providing a joint levy to be assessed by the United States Government and divided as between the federal government and the state, shall be disregarded by the legislative bodies of the American commonwealths.

It is maintained that a state should not be compelled in this fashion to become a party to a joint tax levy under penalty of losing a source of its revenue if it dissents. The purpose of the proposed law is ulterior. Never before in the history of the United States except under stress of war conditions has the federal government ever attempted to levy a property tax. If the present attempt is accomplished the danger will be imminent of the federal government next dictating the entire taxing policies of all the states.

We hold that the rights of the states, although often disregarded, still remain one of the fundamental principles of our democratic government, and that if we continue to surrender to the federal government every function which belongs to the states, it will be only a question of time before centralization, with its attendant and inevitable autocracy, will submerge every remaining vestige of state sovereignty.

The Inheritance Tax is a direct property tax, and to assume the authority to assess a joint levy, the federal government coming into the state and arbitrarily fixing the rate of assessment and sharing in the revenues, leaving to the state no election of choice, is, we hold, an unwarranted invasion, economically as well as politically, of the sacred principle of self-determination which if permitted to go unchallenged will prove only the forerunner of even further abrogations of the prerogatives which the states have enjoyed without abridgement since the formation of the American Union upon the bedrock foundation of democracy.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, the Senate concurring, respectfully enters its protest against the passage of this provision by the Congress of the United States.

The Bank of Appomattox informational card

Item ID: MSL-20260320.56

Date: 1925-12-31

Author: —

Recipient: —

Scope and Content:
Printed card for The Bank of Appomattox in Appomattox, Virginia. The card lists the bank's directors and their professions on the left panel, and the bank's officers on the right panel. It also advertises a 4% interest rate and notes that it accepts state, town, and county deposits. The bank was organized in 1901.

DIRECTORS

JOSEPH BUTTON
State Commissioner of Insurance

S. L. FERGUSON
Attorney-at-law and State Senator

L. E. SMITH
Merchant and Farmer

C. F. JAMES
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H. C. BABCOCK
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H. M. BURGE
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J. E. SEARS
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The Bank of Appomattox

Appomattox, Virginia

ORGANIZED 1901

JOSEPH BUTTON - - - President
L. E. SMITH - - - - Vice-Pres.
C. W. SMITH - - - - Vice-Pres.
R. L. BURKE - - - - - Cashier
E. M. BURKE - Assistant Cashier
J. C. DAVIDSON Assistant Cashier
R. F. B. STEELE - - - - Teller
MISS C. K. GILLS - Book-keeper

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STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

THE BANK OF APPOMATTOX

APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31, 1925

Resources		Liabilities	
Loans and Discounts	$125,566.83	Capital Stock	$40,000.00
Overdrafts	48.59	Surplus, Profits and Reserve	36,322.76
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	8,681.87	Rediscount	None
Other Real Estate Owned	1,775.38	Bills Payable	None
Cash and Due from Banks	41,439.22	U. S. Government Bond Account	12,600.00
U. S. Government Bonds Deposited	12,600.00	Deposits	401,189.13
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DEPOSITS DECEMBER 31, 1915, $135,700.00
DEPOSITS DECEMBER 31, 1918, 244,285.00
DEPOSITS DECEMBER 31, 1922, 268,529.38
DEPOSITS DECEMBER 31, 1924, 361,601.05
DEPOSITS DECEMBER 31, 1925, 401,189.13

Letter from M. R. Morgan to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.4
Date: 1926 January 15
Author: Morgan, M. R.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from M. R. Morgan, Vice-President and Cashier of the Eagle Rock Bank, to Virginia State Senator S. L. Ferguson. Morgan thanks Ferguson for a letter and reciprocates good wishes for his stay in Richmond. He states that he cannot accept any salaried job or obligation, mentioning he enjoys helping friends, as evidenced by "Ozlin's election." Morgan expresses anxiety about the vote for the Speakership and asks how Mr. Snead and Mr. Bolton voted. He concludes by hoping to see Ferguson during the legislative session.

W. W. CASH, VICE-PRESIDENT
H. K. ALLEN, VICE-PRESIDENT

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M. R. MORGAN, VICE-PRES. & CASHIER
A. B. HONTS, ASSISTANT CASHIER

Eagle Rock Bank

INCORPORATED

Eagle Rock, Va. January 15, 1926.

Senator S. L. Ferguson,
Senate Chamber
Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. dear Mr. Ferguson:-

Your valued favor of the 7th. instant was duly received and the delay in writing you is occasioned by the fact that my regular Assistant left me the first of the year and I have been busy trying to break in a new man.

I certainly appreciate the very kind expressions and good wishes contained in your letter, and most heartily reciprocate them, especially do I hope that your stay in Richmond will be a pleasant one and that you will be able to consummate some of your desires for the good of us all.

Really, I don't know 'what is next' therefore cannot mention any particular thing and I don't want you to feel under obligations to get me any thing, because, you know, I get a lot of pleasure out of helping my friends, and being associated with fellows who get things after which they start, as I believe you do - evidenced by Ozlin's election.

I don't want any salary job, and cannot accept anything that would take me away from my business now, since I have a green man, so what I need most is something with a great deal of honor attached to it, and very little work.

It will certainly be a pleasure to hunt you up if I can go down to Richmond during the Session, and I shall ~~xxx~~ expect you to have dinner with me one night.

I am anxious to know how Mr. Snead voted on the Speakership? Suppose ~~Mxxx~~ Mr. Bolton voted. all right.

Thanking you for your very kind letter, and hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you during the session, I am,

Yours very truly,

M. R. Morgan

M. R. Morgan

Letter from Harry F. Byrd to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.78
Date: 1926 January 23
Author: Byrd, Harry Flood, 1887-1966
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L. (Samuel Lewis), 1872-1941

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from Harry Flood Byrd, publisher of The Evening Star newspaper, to Hon. S. L. Ferguson in Richmond, Virginia. Byrd writes that he spoke with "Barton" and is anxious for Ferguson to take charge of a bill in the Senate to change the governor's staff. He also mentions other measures he would like Ferguson to handle for him.

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THE EVENING STAR

HARRY FLOOD BYRD, Publisher.

"IN THE HEART OF THE APPLE BELT."

WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

23 January 1926.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
Richmond, Va.

My dear Sam:

I talked to Barton today and we are anxious for you to take charge of the bill in the Senate to change the governor's staff. I am sorry not to have seen you before I left. I have some other measures that I would like for you to look after for me, and I will see you when I come down.

Sincerely yours,

Harry F. Byrd

Letter regarding rental of the Edmonson place

Item ID: MSL-20260320.57
Date: 1926 January 26
Author: —
Recipient: Furguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Handwritten letter from an unidentified author in Hollywood, Virginia, to S. L. Furguson in Appomattox, Virginia. The author expresses interest in renting the 'Edmonson place,' notes that the house is 'mighty shackly,' and offers to rent it for $40 (instead of a previously discussed $58) with a promise to 'fix up the houses.'

Hollywood Va
Jan 25 - 1926.

Mr S L Ferguson
Appomattox Va

Dear sir-

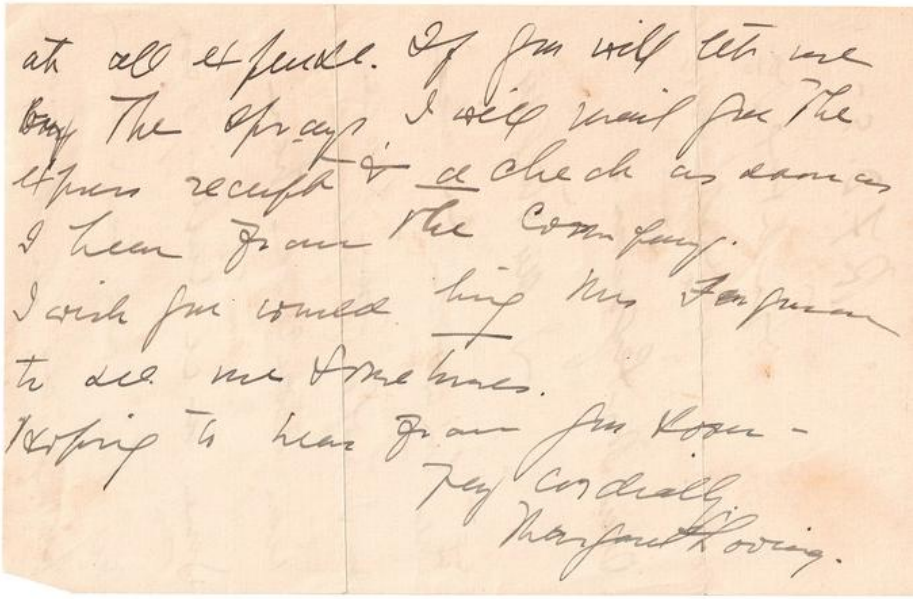
If you haven't rented the Edmonson place to anyone yet. I will rent it I went over and looked at the house. And the house is mighty shackling you said you would rent me the place for $50. would you rent me the place for $40. And I will fix up the houses some so anybody can

live in them. or I will
give you $50. for the place
and you allow me $10.
for fixing up the houses
it will cost one $18.
to have the houses
repaired. let me hear
from you at once
Yours very Truly
C E Franklin

R. F. D. 5 -
Lynchburg, Va.
Oct. 11th 1927.

Dear Mr. Ferguson -

I am still in the Lexwood business & I hope your place near Concord has some nice cuttings for me this season. I am paying 7 cts. per lb & am



at all expense. If you will let me
buy the sprays I will mail you the
express receipt & a check as soon as
I hear from the company.
I wish you would bring Mrs Ferguson
to see me sometimes.
Hoping to hear from you soon -
Very cordially
Margaret Loving.

Letter from E. D. Johnson & Co. Committee to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260320.18

Date: 1926-01-01

Author: H. H. Howard; C. A. Johnson; J. H. Fish

Recipient: Senator S. L. Ferguson

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from a committee associated with E. D. Johnson & Co. of East Radford, Virginia, to Senator S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox. The letter solicits Ferguson's support for the appointment of Senator R. J. Noell to one of three vacancies on Ferguson's committee. The letter praises Noell's qualifications, citing his service as Chairman of the Finance Committee and President of the City Council in Radford, and as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Visitors of V.P.I. (Virginia Polytechnic Institute). The vacancies mentioned arose from Mr. Byrd becoming Governor-Elect, Senator Epes's appointment to the State Corporation Commission, and the death of Senator John Crockett.

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East Radford, Va.
January 1st 1926.

Sen. S. L. Ferguson,
Appamattox,
Va.

Dear Sir:

Feeling that this section of the State and especially this large and wealthy Senatorial district composed of the Cities of Roanoke and Radford and the counties of Franklin, Roanoke, Floyd and Montgomery, with a population of over one hundred and forty thousand, should be recognized by membership on your Finance Committee, we are taking the liberty of writing to solicit your support for Senator R. J. Noell, who is in every way qualified for such service.

He served for many years as Chairman of the Committee on Finance of this City and as President of the City Council and gave us a most fruitful yet a very economical administration. Also his very valuable services as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Visitors of the V. P. I., having served with such men as the late Col. A. M. Bowman, Major Micaga Woods, L. E. Johnson, President of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, and Hon. Roswell Page and others, who recognized his future and unanimously elected him chairman of their Finance Committee and were more than amply repaid by the splendid results obtained.

You have three vacancies on your committee: Mr. Byrd, as Governor-Elect, Senator Epes on the State Corporation Commission and the very regretable death of Senator John Crockett, just one county from us here.

We think it would be very proper and befitting to make Senator Noell one of these three appointees, whose services we feel would be very valuable to your committee and to your State.

We submit the above with full confidence, and with best wishes for the New Year, we are

Very truly yours,

H.H.Howard Chm. Dem. Com.

C. A. Johnson

J. H. Epley

Committee.

Letter from R. F. Burke, The Bank of Appomattox, to Governor E. Lee Trinkle

Item ID: MSL-20260320.34

Date: 1926-01-04

Author: Burke, R. F.

Recipient: Trinkle, E. Lee (Elbert Lee), 1876-1939

Scope and Content:

Typed letter from R. F. Burke, President of The Bank of Appomattox, to Virginia Governor E. Lee Trinkle. Burke reminds the governor of a promise to support a movement to rebuild the McLean House at Old Appomattox Court House and establish a national park. He explains delays in the project, including an expiring land option and family illness. Burke urges the governor, before his term expires, to appoint a committee or commission to draft a bill for the Virginia General Assembly to confer with national officials, determine the necessary appropriation, and purchase the McLean property to create a National Park.

R. F. BURKE, PRESIDENT
L. E. SMITH, VICE PRESIDENT — R. L. BURKE, CASHIER
JOSEPH BUTTON, VICE PRESIDENT — S. L. FERGUSON, GEN. COUNSEL

The Bank of Appomattox
CAPITAL $40,000
SURPLUS & PROFITS $33,000
TOTAL RESOURCES NEARLY HALF MILLION
Appomattox, Virginia

January 4th, 1926.

Governor E. Lee Trinkle,
Executive Mansion,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Governor Trinkle:

Three years ago you wrote me in answer to a request of mine that if I would be patient you would, when the Manassas project was launched, and nearly completed, start a movement in Virginia with the idea of appealing to the assemblies of the State of Virginia other states, and the U. S. Govenrment, for the rebuilding of the McLean House at Old Appomattox Court House and for the rewiew of the historic spots in the county of Appomattox, for the purpose of ascertaining what was the wisest procedure for a shrine and National park.

I believe that now you have the Masnassas project moving and you will keep your promise to me. At times I have thought that it would be well to start the movement in Washington but then thinking again, I have concluded that it should start right in Virginia and I know of no better source than the Governor.

When the state Senate and House were last in session, I had expected to ask Senator Ferguson and Representative Horsley to introduce a bill but at that time I had been trying to purchase the McLean House grounds and some lots around it before going very far with plans, and I found out there was an option on it which lasted until Jan. 1, 1925, I wrote again and found that the option has been extended to 1926. Then about that time my dear father was having a trying campaign and later he was very ill, all of which delayed me in in this undertaking.

Since you were the first person I wrote about it, I wanted to ask you to start this for us before your term expires. How about mentioning this in your message to the Assembly?

I would suggest that you just appoint a Committee or Commission whose duties will be to confer with others and draft a bill to be introduced in the Assembly to confer with National officials as to National procedure and the amount of appropiation to be asked for. Also to ascertain the amount of money it will take to purchase the McLean property and enough land near it for a National Park.

R. F. BURKE, PRESIDENT
L. E. SMITH, VICE PRESIDENT
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If you have to ask the Assembly to appoint the Committee please do so as soon as they convene and if not, please appoint one at your earliest convenience.

Once I thought perhaps the best way was for you to appoint a Committee and then write the Governors of the states, asking them to pledge their co-operation and leave it to theCommittee, as to procedure.

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Please grant this request at once. I think I have been very patient, don't you, when my brain has been full of this for several years?

With warmest personal regards for you and your nice family, I am

Cordially yours,

Erba May Burke

Box 43 Appomattox, Va.

R. F. BURKE, PRESIDENT
L. E. SMITH, VICE PRESIDENT — R. L. BURKE, CASHIER
JOSEPH BUTTON, VICE PRESIDENT — S. L. FERGUSON, GEN. COUNSEL

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CAPITAL $40,000
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Letter from Frank W. DeFriece to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260320.16
Date: 1926-01-06
Author: DeFriece, Frank W.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from Frank W. DeFriece of DeFriece & Hall, Lawyers in Bristol, VA-Tenn., to Senator S. L. Ferguson in Appomattox, Va. The letter discusses the political appointment of a Mr. Jones to legislative committees. DeFriece mentions a letter he sent to Tom Ozlin on the same matter and asks Ferguson for his assistance in placing Mr. Jones on committees he desires, specifically mentioning Courts of Justice and Schools and Colleges. The letter also touches on the political custom of House members committing to a Speaker before arriving in Richmond.

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FRANK W. DEFRIECE
LEONARD R. HALL

Jan. 6, 1926

Senator S. L. Ferguson,
Appamatox, Va.,

Dear Sam,

Enclosed I am handing you a copy of a letter which I have just written to Tom Ozlin.

Everything that I have said to Tom in my letter I might say also to you, in reference to Mr. Jones appointment on Committees. He is an excellent man, and is going to make a good worker. He is a Democrat and can be depended upon. He does not understand however that it is customary for members of the House to committthemselves on the Speakership before they reach Richmond, but I feel sure that this will be done in due course, and that Tom Oz lin will be his choice .

Anything that you can do toward assisting in properly locating Mr. Jones on such committees as he most desires will be greatly appreciated by myself and numbers of your friends in this section. I am satisfied that Mr. Jones will not express himself as desiring and I can assure you that this is true. It may be that there will be occasion for me to write you later in reference to this matter but I am only writing for the purpose of relieving any anxiety which you may have in reference to the way he will vote. He seems to prefer the Courts of Justice, and Schools and Colleges and is well qualified for both.

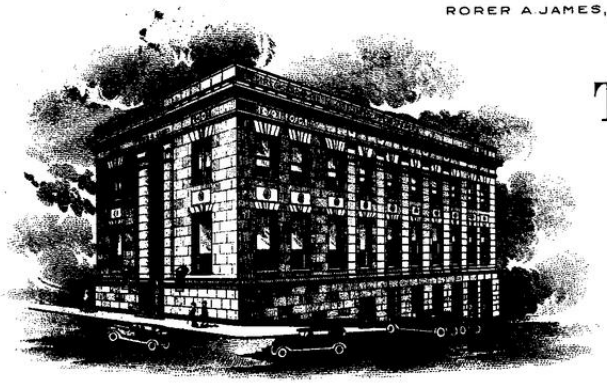
Very truly yours,
Frank W. DeFriece

FWD/MC

Letter from Rorer A. James, Jr. to Senator S.G. Fergerson

Item ID: MSL-20260320.22
Date: 1926-01-06
Author: James, Rorer A., Jr.
Recipient: Fergerson, S.G.

Scope and Content:
Letter from Rorer A. James, Jr. of The Danville Register to Senator S.G. Fergerson. James encloses a copy of a bill to be introduced by Senator Garrett, which he states is intended to remedy "unbearable conditions" in his section of the state. He mentions suggesting a similar measure to Harry Byrd and notes that the bill was drafted by John Carter and Mack Harris. James asks for Fergerson's assistance in passing the bill in the upcoming legislative session in Richmond.



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January 6,1926.

Senator S.G.Fergerson,
Appomatox, Va.

Dear Senator Fergerson:-

I em enclosing copy of a Bill to be introduced by Senator Garrett and in which I am personally interested. This Bill should remedy conditions that are almost unbearable in this section at times. I understand that the same condition exist in other parts of the State.

I suggested to Harry Byrd when he was in Danville that he embody such a measure in his platform which he did. The Bill was drawn up by John Carter and Mack Harris.

I hope you will assist Senator Garrett in passing this Bill. Expect to see you in Richmond when the Legislature opens.

With kindest personal regards,

Your friend,

Rorer A. James, Jr.

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Letter from Frank W. DeFriece to Thomas W. Ozlin

Item ID: MSL-20260320.42
Date: 1926-01-06
Author: Frank W. DeFriece
Recipient: Thomas W. Ozlin

Scope and Content:
A typewritten letter from Frank W. DeFriece of the law firm DeFriece & Hall in Bristol, VA-Tenn., to Hon. Thomas W. Ozlin in Kenbridge, Va. DeFriece writes regarding Ozlin's candidacy for the Speakership of the Virginia House of Delegates. He reaffirms his support and explains that he has persuaded his successor, a newly elected lawyer named S. Bruce Jones, to also support Ozlin. DeFriece describes Jones as a man of high character and expresses his hope that Ozlin will appoint Jones to appropriate committees.

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FRANK W. DeFRIECE
LEONARD R. HALL

Jan. 6, 1926

Hon. Thomas W. Ozlin,
Kenbridge, Va.,

Dear Tom,

Sometime ago you wrote me in reference to your dandidacy for the Speakership for the House of Delagates, and for the reason that I did not intend to return this year I neglected to answer your letter. You will recall no doubt that I told you last session that if I returned this year I expected to support you in this contest and, had I returned, I would have done so, and before I left Richmond I told Jim Price of my intention to support you.

You will very well see that a choice of this kind on my part was not a very easy matter inasmuch as it was between two very valued friends. However I am satisfied that Jim understood my position and that our friendship is not in the least impaired on account of it. At the time your letter came I did not know who would be our Candidate for the House, and decided that I would wait till after election to say anything to you about it. As you are doubtless aware S. Bruce Jones, a young lawyer of this City, was elected to represent this City and Washington County in my place. Mr. Jones is a likable man, an excellent lawyer, and a man possessing a high type of character, and one whom I feel sure you can count on to be of great benefit during the period of coming session. He is a worker and don't hesitate to give it to him.

Mr. Jones does not understand these things yet as some of the others of us who have worked in the House of Delagates, and for this reason he feels that he should reserve his commitment to any of the Candidates until he reaches Richmond. This of course is not customary and I have taken the trouble to explain the matter to him so that he may realize the necessity of taking his position one way or another, so that he may get lined up from the proper committees. I an satisfied that he has made up his mind to support you so you can count on him though he has not committed himself. I therefore want to take this opportunity o f expressing to you a hope that you will certainly appoint Mr.

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Jones on the Courts of Justice Committee, and on the Schools and Colleges Committee. In either of these positions I am satisfied you may expect the very best of service from him. He is a lawyer of unusual promise, and also a business man, and he will make a valuable man to the House and to the State. I have stated the committees in the order which he tells me is his preference.

I would enjoy very much being with you gentlemen this winter, but I decided long since that my financial standing would not permit further enjoyment for me in State affairs. With best wishes for your success, I am,

Very ttuly yours,

FWD/MC

A Resolution

Item ID: MSL-20260104.31

Date: 1926-01-07

Author: A. E. Peterson, Mayor; W. R. Brightwell, Clerk of Council

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L. (Senator); Wood, Claud (Delegate)

Scope and Content:

A resolution adopted by the Council of Pamplin City, Virginia, to form a committee consisting of L. N. Ligon, S. P. Loving, and N. E. Farrar. The committee is tasked with preparing an amendment to the town's charter to make Pamplin City a separate Road District. This action would exempt the town from road taxes levied by Appomattox and Prince Edward counties. The resolution directs that the proposed amendments be presented to State Senator S. L. Ferguson and Delegate Claud Wood for passage, so that the 1926 Road Tax could be used for the maintenance of streets and roads within the town.

THE TOWN OF PAMPLIN
PAMPLIN, VIRGINIA

A Resolution.

Adopted by the Council of Pamplin City, Va. in regular monthly meeting assembled Thurdday everning, January seventh, Nineteen hundred and twenty six, in Council room at Pamplin, City, Va.

Vote--Ayes-- Brightwell, Moran, Farrar, Loving, Ligon, Pugh.
Nays-- None.

Be it resolved by the Council of the Town of Pamplin, City, that L. N. Ligon S. P. Loving and N. E. Farrar be and are hereby appointed a committee with full authority to have prepared an amendment to the Charter of the said Town of Pamplin City, making the said Town of Pamplin City, Virginia, a seperate Road District.

Further, that the said Town of Pamplin City be by such act, exempted from the levy and collection of any road tax by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Appomattox and Prince Edward, togather with such uther amendments as the said committee may consider for best interest of the Citizens of the said Town of Pamplin City, Virginia, and respectfully present such proposed amendments to our representatives, Senator S. L. Ferguson and Delegate Claud Wood, for passage earliest possible date in order thatNineteen hundred and twenty six Road Tax may accrue to the Town for maintenance of Streets and roads within said Town.

Signed, C. E. Peterson ----------Mayor.

W. R. Brightwell ----------Clerk of Council.

January 7th. 1926.

Letter from J. H. Bell, Superintendent of the State Colony for Epileptics and Feeble-Minded, to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.67

Date: 1926-01-11

Author: Bell, J. H., M. D.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
A typed letter from J. H. Bell, Superintendent of the State Colony for Epileptics and Feeble-Minded near Lynchburg, Virginia, to State Senator S. L. Ferguson. The letter discusses several topics, including securing a moving picture film service, the institution's bank balance, and a habeas corpus case in Norfolk (the 'Belvin case') involving a paroled patient who married. Bell requests Ferguson's legal assistance. He also quotes a section of a Virginia law (Chapter 157, approved March 10, 1920) which makes it a misdemeanor to knowingly marry a person lawfully adjudged to be 'insane, epileptic, or feeble-minded' and an inmate of a state institution. The law specifies that such a marriage is 'absolutely void'.

STATE COLONY

FOR EPILEPTICS AND FEEBLE-MINDED

COLONY P. O., NEAR LYNCHBURG, VA.

J. H. BELL, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

January 11, 1926.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
C/o Murphy's Hotel,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Senator Ferguson:

As suggested by you, I am writing to remind you to see Mr. Jake Wells with reference to any moving picture film service that he might be able to secure for us.

You might also ask Mr. C. Lee Moore as to what will be done with our bank balance at the end of the appropriation year, although I have written him for that information.

In case a habeas corpus proceedings is instituted in the Belvin case I would be glad to have you go to Norfolk with me, if it can be so arranged, for legal advice and to represent the institution. I think the father and the man who married this girl while on parole from the court in Norfolk have had difficulty in getting a lawyer to take the case. I have had communications from several, and after stating the situation to them they apparently have not had anything further to do with it.

I have made a careful and thorough study of the laws relating to institutions, and particularly to the feeble-minded. They are well framed and seem to cover most every situation that could arise, with the exception of the act of the Assembly, Chapter 157, approved March 10th, 1920, which was not clear and could not be interpreted by the Attorney General. The part of the act referred to reads:

> "That if any man or woman shall knowingly marry any person lawfully adjudged to be insane, epileptic, or feeble-minded, and duly admitted as a patient or inmate in any State hospital or colony for the insane, epileptic or feeble-minded, whether such person be actually confined in a hospital or colony or in the custody of some person on bond or furlough or at large as an escaped patient or inmate, he or she shall be guilty of misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be confined in jail not exceeding six months or fined not exceeding five hundred dollars, or both. Any such marriage, if knowingly attempted to be entered into, shall be absolutely void without any decree of divorce or other legal process."

Letter from Superintendent J. H. Bell to Hon. S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260320.27
Date: 1926-01-11
Author: J. H. Bell
Recipient: Hon. S. L. Ferguson

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from J. H. Bell, M.D., Superintendent, to Hon. S. L. Ferguson regarding a legal opinion from the Attorney General on the furloughing of an institutionalized individual. Bell quotes Section 1091 of a law stating that the "Superintendent of the State Colony shall not furlough any female of child-bearing age whose immoral or incorrigible tendencies render it unsafe for herself or society to be at large." The letter mentions that the individual in question was charged with prostitution and determined to be "feeble-minded" after a mental examination. An action from the Special Board regarding the case is enclosed.

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The part that the Attorney General could not render an opinion on was, did it apply to an individual who had been committed and paroled by the court pending good behavior, as well as to the individual who had been committed, then admitted and paroled or furloughed from the institution?

Of course, the law is clear enough as to who the superintendents shall furlough, under Section 1091 it being stated that "The Superintendent of the State Colony shall not furlough any female of child-bearing age whose immoral or incorrigible tendencies render it unsafe for herself or society to be at large."

The sworn depositions in the interrogatories at the time of her commitment would indicate that she comes in this class, as she was brought into the court charged with prostitution, and on mental examination it was determined that she was feeble-minded.

I enclose you a copy of the action of the Special Board at its last meeting with reference to this case.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

J. H. Bell, M. D.,
Superintendent.

Letter from L. N. Ligon of the Pamplin Tobacco Company to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.70

Date: 1926-01-12

Author: Ligon, L. N.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:

A typed letter from L. N. Ligon of the Pamplin Tobacco Company to Virginia State Senator S. L. Ferguson. Ligon is sending a copy of the old charter for the Town of Pamplin, Virginia, along with two proposed additional sections. He requests Ferguson's assistance in preparing amendments for passage in the House and Senate. The letter mentions a controversy over the town's jurisdiction over certain streets and a desire to use the road fund for street purposes, referencing the charter of Appomattox. Ligon thanks Ferguson for his help and asks him to coordinate with Representative Wood to secure the desired changes.

L. N. LIGON

T. J. LIGON

PAMPLIN TOBACCO COMPANY

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PAMPLIN, VA.

Jan 12th 1926.

Senator S. L. Ferguson,
Senate Chamber,
Richmond, Va.,

My dear Mr Ferguson;-

Taking advantage of the very kind offer made by you to the writer over phone few days since, we are enclosing an exact copy of the old charter of the Town of Pamplin, and also two additional sections as outlined by us to be added.

We are deeply indebted to you for your very kind services in thus taking an outline of what we want and having same prepared in proper form to be presented for passgae in the House and Senate

You will note that a preparation of the amendments will not be very difficult as we consider the old charter confers all the rights and privileges under the State Laws given to small towns and realy needs no amendment except as herein mentioned.

There has been some controversy as to jurisdiction of the town over certain streets, and the section coveringis intended to set that at rest .

We also want to use the road fund for street purposes and the copy of section 19 of your charter of Appomattox covers that and we have sent copy to you herewith.

We do not think it at all neceassry that you have proposed amendments sent back to me for approval, unless you find the exptessed desires above not fully covered in the sectuons we have outlined and your good judgement should see fit to change them.

We thank you in advance for both your attention personally and also for your suggestions to Representative Wood, that the Bill may pass promptly and secure for us the desired changes.

With kindest persoanl regards and every appreciation of your consideration on behalf of the citizens of Pamplin, I am

Cordially & Sincerely Yours,

L. N. Ligon

Letter from LeRoy Hodges to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260320.25
Date: 1926-01-12
Author: Hodges, LeRoy
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Letter from LeRoy Hodges, Managing Director of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, to Senator S. L. Ferguson. Hodges encloses an invitation card to a dinner hosted by the Chamber of Commerce for the General Assembly of Virginia on Thursday, January 21st. He also confirms Ferguson's acceptance of the invitation.

VIRGINIA
STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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January 12, 1926.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Senator Ferguson:

I enclose herein card to the dinner given by the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce to the General Assembly of Virginia, on Thursday evening, January 21st.

We are delighted to have your acceptance, and to know that we shall have the pleasure of having you with us on this occasion.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

LeRoy Hodges
Managing Director.

Letter from the Committee of Richmond Bar to the Members of the General Assembly of Virginia

Item ID: MSL-20260320.40

Date: 1926-01-13

Author: Robt E. Scott; Legh R. Page; Hy C. Riely; F. G. Christian; Hassius Hobson; R. W. Carrington

Recipient: Members of the General Assembly of Virginia

Scope and Content:

A typed letter endorsing Mr. John L. Ingram for a vacancy in the Hustings Court of the City of Richmond. The letter quotes a resolution passed by the Bar of the City of Richmond on January 11, 1926, recommending Ingram for the position of Judge. It states that an appended list (not present) contains the names of members who voted for the endorsement. A postscript (N. B.) notes that out of 300 licensed lawyers in Richmond, 175 endorse John L. Ingram. The letter is signed by several members of the Committee of Richmond Bar.

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 13, 1926.

To the Members of the
General Assembly of Virginia.

Gentlemen:

We beg to take the liberty of calling your attention to the following facts in reference to the vacancy in the Hustings Court of the City of Richmond:

Mr. John L. Ingram, a lawyer peculiarly well fitted for the place by character, ability, learning and experience, having served for a number of years as Police Justice of the City of Richmond, is a candidate therefor.

At a meeting of the Bar of the City of Richmond held on the 11th day of January, 1926, pursuant to a call for that purpose, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

> "RESOLVED, that we endorse and recommend the Hon. John L. Ingram to the General Assembly of Virginia as a candidate for Judge of the Hustings Court of the City of Richmond, and respectfully urge his election to that office."

We respectfully solicit your favorable consideration of Mr. Ingram's candidacy.

Appended hereto is a list containing the names of the members of the Bar of this City who attended the said meeting and voted for Mr. Ingram or who were unable to attend and have since endorsed the resolution recommending Mr. Ingram's candidacy.

Very respectfully,

N. B.
The Commissioner of Revenue certifies 300 licensed lawyers for the City of Richmond, 175 endorse John L. Ingram.

Committee of Richmond Bar

Members of the Bar of the City of Richmond, who attended the meeting of the Bar and voted for John L. Ingram, Esq., or who were unable to attend and have since endorsed the Resolution of the Bar recommending Mr. Ingram's candidacy:

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Bryan, George
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Cohen. Alfred E.

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Craig. Irving G.

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Cutchins, Louis

Cutchins, John E.

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Jones, Callom B.

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Meredith Bernard
Sutton, Frank T.
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Eggleston, John L.
Ellis, Andrew J.
W. S. McNeill, W. S.
Bowe, Stuart
Buchanan, W. T.
Cardwell, W. H.

Letter from G. W. Lineweaver, Hampton Roads Port Commission, to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.3

Date: 1926-01-15

Author: Lineweaver, G. W.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typescript letter from G. W. Lineweaver, Executive Secretary of the Hampton Roads Port Commission, to State Senator S. L. Ferguson. The letter encloses a copy of the commission's report and recommendations, which will be transmitted to the Virginia General Assembly by Governor Trinkle. Lineweaver encourages Ferguson to study the report and informs him of an upcoming address by J. Gordon Bohannan to the General Assembly on January 21st, which will further explain the report.

TELEPHONE NORFOLK 23229

Hampton Roads (Virginia) Port Commission

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NORFOLK, VA.

January 15, 1926.

Honorable S. L. Ferguson
c/o State Senate
Richmond, Va.

My dear Senator:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the report and recommendations of the Hampton Roads Port Commission, which will be transmitted to the General Assembly by Governor Trinkle within a few days.

The Commission would very much appreciate your study of the report and recommendations in orders that you may familiarize yourself with the situation as presented.

When the members of the General Assembly are the guests of the State Chamber of Commerce in Richmond, on January 21st, Mr. J. Gordon Bohannan, of Petersburg, will make an address further explaining the report and recommendations, and we are sure you will find his remarks informative and constructive.

If there is any further information you should desire as to this subject, I shall be glad to furnish same.

Very truly yours,

G. W. Lineweaver

G. W. Lineweaver,
Executive Secretary.

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Letter from A. Willis Robertson to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.49
Date: 1926-01-15
Author: Robertson, A. Willis (Absalom Willis), 1887-1971
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L. (Samuel Lewis)

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from A. Willis Robertson, Commonwealth's Attorney for Rockbridge County in Lexington, Virginia, to Hon. S. L. Ferguson in Richmond. Robertson expresses regret that he cannot be in Richmond for the legislative session due to work and finances. He requests Ferguson's support for two appointments: Col. H. C. Ford to the State Board of Education, and his brother-in-law, Lewis M. Walker of Petersburg, to the board of the Central State Hospital. He also discusses his support for the Barksdale bill to increase the pay of Circuit Judges and his opposition to pensioning Supreme Court judges.

A. WILLIS ROBERTSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY
FOR ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY
LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

Jan. 15th., 1926.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,

Richmond, Va.,

My dear Sam:-

My heart yearns for the "flesh pots" of the Capitol but I am tied hand and foot here with a heavy docket for the approaching February term of court, a home building project and various and sundry other local duties and obligations, to say nothing of a short financial balance. However, my thoughts and best wishes will be with you and the other old friends of my Senate days during the coming weeks of this good session.

Our old friend, Col. H. C. Ford, has been again nominated by V.M.I. for membership on the State Board of Education. Thru some strange process of reasoning some of his friends blame me for his defeat in 1922. Goodness knows I did all I could for him but we just did'nt have enough votes. I know it will be hard to beat any of the three present college members but anyway he would greatly appreciate your support.

You have always taken a lively interest in the State Hospitals for the Insane. I would like very much to see my brother-in-law, Lewis M.~~X~~ Walker, of Petersburg appointed on the Board of the Central State Hospital of that city. Walker is the head of the drying plant of the Export Leaf Tobacco Co. in Petersburg (the largest of its kind in the world), a member of the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee of the leading bank there and is connected with other business interests and is a business man of unusual ability. I believe the next vacancy on this Board will occur in May, 1927, with the expiration of the term of E. C. Palmer of Emporia (unless some one sooner dies or resigns - Sidney Peters says some die but none ever resign!) I have'nt said any thing to Harry about this but I would like for him to know some time and before he is otherwise committed that I am interested in the appointment - the only one, in fact, that I am interested in.

I hope you will support Barksdale bill to increase the pay of Circuit Judges. I would like some day to be Judge of this Circuit but could'nt afford to do so at $3600.00 and when Judge Holt has to be replaced I don't know at all where we could find a suitable successor at the present salary. However, I have always opposed the pensioning of the Judges of the Supreme Court - it is un-democratic and a bad thing to start. I say pay them adquately and let them provide for their own old age as the bala of us have to do.

Sincerely your friend,

A. Willis Robertson

Letter from J.G. Bruce to Senator S. L. Furgerson

Item ID: MSL-20260320.29
Date: 1926-01-15
Author: Bruce, J. G.
Recipient: Furgerson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
A letter from J.G. Bruce in Culpeper, Virginia, to Senator S. L. Furgerson at Murphy's Hotel in Richmond. Bruce asks the senator to watch for any bills that might decrease the appropriation for extension work in the state. He mentions that their Director, John R. Hutcheson, has informed him that the amount being requested is the same as in the past. Bruce acknowledges that they are in a "period of depression" and are only asking for funds to maintain their current work, not to expand it.

Culpeper, Virginia,
January 15, 1926.

Senator S. L. Furgerson,
Care of Murphy's Hotel,
Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Furgerson:

I am writing you, feeling that you are now as much interested in the extension division as you have always proven yourself to be in the past, and I am personally asking that you be on the lookout for any bills effecting extension work in any way during your term, and if such bills are designed to decrease the appropriation, or in any way so effect the present act as to weaken our work, that you will kindly notify me at once by letter or wire.

I am informed by our Director, John R. Hutcheson, that the amount that is being asked for the support of extension work in this state is practically the same as that which has been given to us in the past and further that we need this amount to maintain the work at its present status.

We realize that we are going through a period of depression and for that reason we are not asking for funds to greatly expand our work, but simply to maintain it and continue our activities, trying at all times to dojust a little better each year.

Trusting that you will accept this in the spirit in which it is written and feel free at all times to give us such constructive criticism as is right for all public officials to have to enable them to best serve their constituents, I am, with best wishes,

Yours truly,

J. G. Bruce

JGB/B

Letter from W.B. Harvey to a Senator, January 15, 1926

Item ID: MSL-20260320.37
Date: 1926-01-15
Author: Harvey, W.B.
Recipient: Senator

Scope and Content:
Handwritten letter from W.B. Harvey of Evergreen, Virginia, to an unnamed Senator. Harvey writes on behalf of his fellow farmers, expressing concern that the Farmers Tobacco Association of Virginia is being 'squash[ed] by the Money Kings.' He appeals for the Senator's support, arguing for equal rights and stating that the farmers have chosen the Senator as their leader. Harvey emphasizes the importance of farmers and hopes the letter will encourage the Senator in his service to the country and to God.

Evergreen Va

Jan : 15 : 1926

My Dear Senitor Friend & Bro

Greetings

just a few words inbehalf of my Fellowman you know as well as i do. that the Farmers Tobacco association of Va is on the Eave of being Squash by the money Kings. is it right in the Sight of God i Say No. is it right in the Sight of Man. i Say No. Eacle rights to all and Special priveledes to None. is Gods Plan. Why not Mans. We have choosing you as our Leader. i do not Say in this Special work. but you are Concerned. and those Farmmers to day are doing more for you and i. than any other Class of People in the world Why not give this above Matter a thort. i am sure you are Surpioted by the Farmer than any other Class of People and i am Sure more it will do more to Build up your honor than any thing you may do or Say hope this will find you engoying health & Life and in the Verry best Mood of Mind & Thort and this may be of Some Seavis to help lead you on to higher honers and Seavis to your Country as well as to your God

Your Friend W.B. Harvey

Letter from W. B. Harvey to Senator Friend

Item ID: MSL-20260320.45
Date: 1926-01-15
Author: Harvey, W. B.
Recipient: Friend, Senator

Scope and Content:
Handwritten letter from W. B. Harvey of Evergreen, Virginia, to Senator Friend. Harvey writes on behalf of his fellow farmers, expressing concern that the Tobacco Association of Virginia is being "squash by the Money Kings." He encourages Senator Friend, whom the farmers have chosen as their leader, to support them, stating it is "Gods Plan" and will bring honor to the senator, his country, and his God.

Evergreen Va

Jan : 15 : 1926

My Dear Senitor Friend & Bro

Greetings

just a few words inbehalf of my Fellowman you know as well as i do. that the Farmers Tobacco association of Va is on the Eave of being Squash by the money Kings. is it right in the Sight of God i Say No. is it right in the Sight of Man. i Say No. Eacle rights to all and Special priveledes to None. is Gods Plan. Why not Mans. We have choosing you as our Leader. i do not Say in this Special work. but you are Concerned. and those Farmmers to day are doing more for you and i. than any other Class of People in the word Why not give this above Matter a thort. i am sure you are Surpioted by the Farmer than any other Class of People and i am Sure more it will do more to Build up your honor than any thing you may do or Say hope this will find you engoying health & Life and in the Verry best Mood of Mind & Thort and this may be of Some Seavis to help lead you on to higher honers and Seavis to your Country as well as to your God

Your Friend W.B. Harvey

Letter from Claude A. Swanson to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260320.17

Date: 1926-01-16

Author: Swanson, Claude A. (Claude Augustus), 1862-1939

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L. (Samuel Lewis)

Scope and Content:

Typed letter from United States Senator Claude A. Swanson to Virginia State Senator S. L. Ferguson regarding a bill for the Appomattox surrender ground. Swanson informs Ferguson that the Committee on Military Affairs has ordered a favorable report on the inspection bill and that he will endeavor to secure its passage through the Senate.

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS.

January 16, 1926. -

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
State Senate,
Richmond, Virginia.

My dear Sam:

I was advised late yesterday afternoon that the Committee on Military Affairs had ordered, a favorable report on the Appomattox surrender ground inspection bill. I will endeavor to secure the passage of this bill through the Senate as early as possible.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Your friend,

Claude A Swanson

Letter from John Hopkins Hall, Jr., to Harry Flood Byrd regarding the proposed consolidation of the Industrial Commission and the Bureau of Labor and Industry

Item ID: MSL-20260320.39
Date: 1926-01-16
Author: Hall, John Hopkins, Jr.
Recipient: Byrd, Harry Flood, 1887-1966

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from John Hopkins Hall, Jr., Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industry, to Senator Harry Flood Byrd. Hall submits a brief arguing against the rumored consolidation of the Industrial Commission and the Bureau of Labor, a topic mentioned by Governor Trinkle in an address. Hall counters the argument that a merger would create economy by citing the structures of similar departments in other large industrial states like Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Illinois. He provides statistics on industrial accident cases in Virginia to underscore the workload and importance of the existing departments.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Bureau of Labor and Industry

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

RICHMOND January 15th, 1926.

JOHN HOPKINS HALL, JR., COMMISSIONER.

Hon. Harry Flood Byrd,
Winchester,
Virginia.

My Dear Senator:

In accordance with our conversation of the 14th Inst., I am submitting herewith a brief which we consider of vital importance to the State and the success of your administration. Governor Trinkle in his address delivered before the General Assembly of Virginia, Wednesday, January 13th, 1926, Page 16, said in part as follows:

> "From time to time rumor is heard that there should be a consolidation of the Industrial Commission and the Bureau of Labor. I have never been able to reach a definite conclusion about this.
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> It must be remembered that the Bureau of Labor is practically the only department that has for its definite purpose the protection of employer and employee. The State should be exceedingly cautious in denying to these two classes of our people full and fair protection. I think, however, that this same efficiency and economic expert could study carefully the details of the work of the two departments and make a report that would be worth while, so if consolidation is made, it can be done in a safe and sane way. Both of these departments are handling increasing work, all of an important nature, and care must be observed to make no mistake in dealing with them."

In addition to which it has come to our attention there has been on the part of some considerable propaganda for the merging of the Bureau of Labor and Industry with the Industrial Commission under the plea of economy. If this be the real object we wish to call attention to the following: - That the large industrial States of Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Illinois have departments of labor with the industrial commission, or industrial accident board, as a part thereof. In New Jersey and Pennsylvania the Commissioner of Labor and Secretary of Labor, respectively, holding the position of Chairman Ex-officio of the industrial board without additional compensation, and in Ohio the Director of Industrial Relations acting as Secretary to the Commission without additional compensation. In Pennsylvania the Industrial Board, (payment of accident compensation) only receive $10.00 per diem and necessary expenses when actually engaged in work of the board. If this is true in the large industrial State of Pennsylvania, which has more accidents in one month than the State of Virginia has for an entire year, a-fortiori, this applies to the State of Virginia where the Governor in this same report, Pages 102 and 103, shows a grand total of cases handled from January 1st, 1919, to February 1st, 1926, of 65,477, with a grand total of cases set for hearing for the same period, (supposedly contested cases) of 3,875, or less than 6%. In other words, 95% of the compensative cases

Letter from Senator Claude A. Swanson to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260320.5

Date: 1926-01-16

Author: Swanson, Claude A., 1862-1939

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from Claude A. Swanson, on United States Senate Committee on Naval Affairs letterhead, to S. L. Ferguson. Swanson asks Ferguson to keep in touch with Warner Ames, explaining that Ames had to support someone named Mapp in the past but is a loyal friend. He notes Ames's interest in the re-election of Judge Westcott, whom Swanson also supports. Swanson concludes by congratulating Ferguson on his work and the record he is making.

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS.

January 16th, 1926.m

Honorable S. L. Ferguson,
Richmond, Virginia.

My dear Sam:

I want you to keep in touch with Warner Ames. He is a very warm friend of ours but was situated the last time so that he had to support Mapp. You will find him loyal and true.

He is especially interested in the election of Judge Westcott. Westcott is a fine man and made a good judge and I believe it would be well for him to be re-elected.

I want to congratulate you on the splendid way you are handling matters and the good record you are making.

With kind regards, and best wishes, I am,

Your friend,

Claude A Swanson

Letter from S. D. Crenshaw, Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, to Hon. S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.51

Date: 1926-01-18

Author: Crenshaw, S. D.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from S. D. Crenshaw, Vice-President of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, to Hon. S. L. Ferguson of the Senate of Virginia. Crenshaw states that after showing Senator Ferguson a copy of the 1925 United States Census preliminary report on agricultural conditions in Virginia, Ferguson suggested sending a copy to each member of the General Assembly. Crenshaw is now sending a multigraph copy of the report, hoping it will be of interest and service. The letterhead indicates the company is in receivership under Tazewell Taylor and G. G. Wilson.

TAZEWELL TAYLOR and C. G. WILSON
Receivers of

Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company

Richmond, Va.

ADDRESS
S. D. CRENSHAW, VICE-PRESIDENT

PERSONAL

SDC:D

January 18, 1926.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
Senate of Virginia
Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir:-

I recently showed Senator S. L. Ferguson a copy of the United States Census preliminary report for 1925, giving a lot of interesting information as to agricultural conditions in Virginia, and he asked me if I would not send a copy to each member of the General Assembly, saying it might be of some service to them.

I have therefore had the report multigraphed and take pleasure in sending you a copy, hoping that it may be of some interest and service to you.

With best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year, I remain,

Yours truly,

S. D. Crenshaw

ADDRESS
S. D. CRENSHAW, VICE PRESIDENT
PERSONAL

Letter from U.S. Senator Claude A. Swanson to Virginia State Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260320.6

Date: 1926-01-19

Author: Swanson, Claude A. (Claude Augustus), 1862-1939

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L. (Samuel Lewis)

Scope and Content:

Typed letter from U.S. Senator Claude A. Swanson to Virginia State Senator S. L. Ferguson regarding a bill for the inspection of the Appomattox battlefields and surrender grounds. Swanson reports that the bill has passed the Senate and been sent to the House of Representatives Committee on Military Affairs. He notes that he has written to Representative H. St. George Tucker to encourage its passage in the House.

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS.

January 19, 1926. -

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
State Senate,
Richmond, Virginia.

My dear Sam:

I write to say that on Saturday the bill for the inspection of the Appomattox battle-fields and surrender grounds was reported to the Senate and I was able to have it immediately passed. It was sent to the House of Representatives on yesterday and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs there. I have written Hon. H. St. George Tucker asking him to take the bill up and push it to a conclusion in the House.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Your friend,

Claude Swanson

Letter from SLF to W.B. Harvey

Item ID: MSL-20260320.14
Date: 1926-01-20
Author: SLF
Recipient: Harvey, W. B.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from SLF to W.B. Harvey in response to Harvey's letter of January 15th. The author affirms their continued support for the Farmers' Cooperative Tobacco Association and pledges to act in a way that is advantageous to the farmers of the state.

January 20th, 1926.

Mr. W.B. Harvey,
R.F.D.
Evergreen, Virginia.

My Dear Willie:

I have your letter of the 15th Inst., and note all that you so well say. I am glad you wrote me. I have been, and shall continue to stand by the Farmers' Cooperative Tobacco Association, and do what I can that will be advantageous to the farmers of our State.

Hoping you and your people are well, I am,

Sincerely yours,

SLF-vr

Letter from S.L.F. to Major LeRoy Hodges

Item ID: MSL-20260320.24

Date: 1926-01-20

Author: S. L. F.

Recipient: Hodges, LeRoy, Major

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from S.L.F. to Major LeRoy Hodges, Managing Director of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. The author acknowledges receipt of an invitation and ticket for the Chamber's Second Annual dinner on January 21, 1926, and states an intention to attend.

January 20th, 1926.

Major LeRoy Hodges, Managing Director,
Virginia State Chamber of Commerce,
708 Grace-American Building,
Richmond, Virginia.

My Dear Major Hodges:

I have your kind invitation of the 12th Inst., enclosing ticket to the Second Annual dinner on Thursday evening, January 21st, 1926, for which I thank you.

I will try to be present with the Chamber of Commerce on this occasion.

Sincerely yours,

SLF-vr

Letter from SLF to A.W. Robertson, January 20, 1926

Item ID: MSL-20260320.26

Date: 1926-01-20

Author: SLF

Recipient: Robertson, A. W. (Absalom Willis), 1887-1971

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from SLF to Hon. A.W. Robertson discussing political matters. The author expresses support for candidates Page and Williams, notes the strong support for Chandler and Jarman, and addresses a request concerning Robertson's brother-in-law, Lewis Walker of Petersburg, for an appointment to the Central State Hospital Board, which will be brought to the attention of Byrd. The letter also mentions that bills for increasing judges' salaries are before the Finance Committee for consideration.

January 20th, 1926.

Hon. A.W. Robertson,
Lexington,
Virginia.

My Dear Willis:

I have your letter of the 15th Inst., and am very glad you wrote me. I am supporting both Page and Williams and believe they stand a good show of election, although Chandler and Jarman both have strong support. I note what you say about your brother-in-law, Lewis Walker of Petersburg, being appointed on the Central State Hospital Board, and I shall bring the matter to the attention of Byrd and would suggest that when you see him you also talk with him about it.

The bills have been introduced and are now before the Finance Committee for increaseof Judge's salaries, and I am going to give them very careful consideration.

I am always glad to hear from you, and hope you will never in this life have any hesitancy in giving me the benefit of your wishes and judgement in matters of interest to yourself and the common-weal.

With every good wish to yourself and family, I am,

Sincerely yours,

SLF-vr

Letter from S.L.F. to J.G. Bruce

Item ID: MSL-20260320.28
Date: 1926-01-20
Author: S.L.F.
Recipient: Bruce, J.G.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from S.L.F. to J.G. Bruce of Culpeper, Virginia. The author acknowledges Bruce's letter of January 15th and promises to monitor legislation concerning the Virginia Polytechnic Institute (V.P.I.). The author asks Bruce to advise him of any relevant legislation and invites him to visit when in Richmond.

January 20th, 1926.

Mr. J.G. Bruce,
Culpeper,
Virginia.

My Dear Mr. Bruce:

I have your favor of the 15th Inst., and am glad you wrote me.

I shall certainly look out for all legislation with regard to the V.P.I. and its activities, and will be helpful in any way I can. I hope you, and those connected with this institution, will advise me as to any legislation regarding the same.

If you come to Richmond call to see me.

Sincerely yours,

SLF-vr

Letter to Senator Claude A. Swanson regarding a bill for the Appomattox battle-grounds

Item ID: MSL-20260320.4

Date: 1926-01-20

Author: SLF

Recipient: Swanson, Claude A.

Scope and Content:
A typed letter to Senator Claude A. Swanson dated January 20th, 1926. The author, initialed SLF, expresses delight with the progress of a bill concerning the Appomattox battle-grounds. The author notes that Swanson has put "Tucker of the House" in charge of the matter and asks for Swanson's suggestion on whether to write to him. The letter concludes by mentioning that "Everything is moving quietly and safely... in both bodies of the General Assembly" and that "Harry Byrd got back this morning and is here."

January 20th, 1926.

Hon. Claude A. Swanson,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Senator Swanson:

I have your letter of the 19th Inst., and am delighted with the progress you are making with the bill with regard to the Appomattox battle-grounds. I note that you have put it in charge of Tucker of the House. Do you, or not, suggest that I write him?

I hope you will come down soon. Everything is moving quietly and safely I think in both bodies of the General Assembly. Harry Byrd got back this morning and is here.

Your friend,

SLF-vr

Letter from Governor E. Lee Trinkle to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260320.7

Date: 1926-01-21

Author: Trinkle, E. Lee (Elbert Lee), 1876-1939

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L. (Samuel Lewis)

Scope and Content:
A letter from Governor E. Lee Trinkle to S. L. Ferguson, enclosing a letter from Miss Eula May Burke and a copy of the Governor's reply. Trinkle asks Ferguson to give the matter his attention.

E. LEE TRINKLE
GOVERNOR

Commonwealth of Virginia

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RICHMOND

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR
FRANCES O. SULLIVAN
ASSISTANT SECRETARY
VIOLET E. McDOUGALL
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

January 21, 1926

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
State Capitol Building,
Richmond, Virginia.

My dear Sam:

I enclose you letter which I have received from Miss Eula May Burke together with copy of my reply.

I am sure you will be glad to give this matter your attention.

Very sincerely yours,

E. Lee Trinkle

Governor.

Letter from J.H. Bell, Superintendent of the State Colony for Epileptics and Feeble-Minded, to Senator S.L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260320.41

Date: 1926-01-22

Author: Bell, J. H., M.D.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L. (Samuel L.)

Scope and Content:

Typed letter from Dr. J.H. Bell, Superintendent of the State Colony for Epileptics and Feeble-Minded, to Virginia State Senator S.L. Ferguson. The letter advocates for a proposal to construct new facilities at the State Colony for the care of individuals termed "idiots." Bell argues that there is no suitable place for this population under current law and that they cannot be housed with other patients due to being "filthy, unclean, and such a disturbing factor." He presents the proposal as an "economic measure," suggesting that institutionalizing these individuals frees up family members for productive work. The plan involves erecting two 100-bed buildings, one for males and one for females, at an estimated cost of $100,000. The letter reflects the eugenicist views of the era, stating that this population is the "byproduct of some defective parental strain, and is frequently the result of syphilis or alcoholic intoxication in parents at the time of conception."

STATE COLONY

FOR EPILEPTICS AND FEEBLE-MINDED

COLONY P. O., NEAR LYNCHBURG, VA.

J. H. BELL, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

January 22, 1926.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
Senate Chamber,
Richmond, Va.

My dear Senator Ferguson:

The State Board of Public Welfare, the General Board of State Hospitals and the Superintendents thereof are backing a proposition to make some arrangements for the care of idiots.

It has been estimated that there is one idiot in every 2,500 population, or about a thousand in the State. Of all mental defectives he is, of course, the most hopeless and the most pitiable, and under our present laws there is no place to which they can go ~~expect~~ except to the almshouse. Neither can we take him on the wards with other higher mental grades or epileptics, even did the law permit it, on account of the fact that he is so filthy, unclean, and such a disturbing factor that it would be an imposition on other patients.

It has been estimated that for every five idiots institutionalized, four people are released from caring for them to some form of productive occupation. It therefore would appear to be an economic measure for the State to provide some place to care for this most pitiable creature, the lowest order of human beings.

The present plan as briefly outlined would contemplate the erection of suitable quarters at the State Colony. There being approximately a thousand in the State, it would be useless to begin this work without equipping ourselves to care for at least two hundred on the start. The cost of this, based on our last building done here, would be in the neighborhood of $100,000 and would require the erection of two separate buildings, one for males and one for females, of one hundred bed capacity each, and we would be able to take care of the most needy cases at this time.

The idiot fortunately does not reproduce himself, but is ordinarily the byproduct of some defective parental strain, and is frequently the result of syphilis or alcoholic intoxication in parents at the time of conception. I, of course, realize that were this proposition to work out successfully, that the State would be assuming an additional burden, but there does not seem to me any reasonable argument why discrimination should be made between this and other

forms of mental defectives whom we now care for. In the almshouses it costs about $350.00 per capita to care for their patients. In the State hospitals it costs around $190 to $200, the money in both instances coming out of the pocket of the tax payers, and for that reason it would ultimately seem to be an economical way of caring for them.

Forewarned is forearmed, and I am therefore writing you to give you this preliminary information relative to the matter which will be brought up a little later.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

J. H. Bell, M. D.,
Superintendent.

JHB:F

Letter regarding the Appomattox bill

Item ID: MSL-20260320.44

Date: 1926-01-22

Author: —

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
A typed letter from a member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Naval Affairs to S. L. Ferguson regarding the 'Appomattox bill.' The author relays a message from a Mr. Tucker, who is handling the bill in the House of Representatives. Tucker reports that he has taken steps to have the bill reported out and does not anticipate any trouble with its passage. The author advises Ferguson on the timing of further correspondence with Tucker.

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS.

January 22, 1926. -

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
Senate Chamber,
Richmond, Virginia.

My dear Sam:

I have your letter of the 20th instant, with reference to the Appomattox bill, which I have noted.

I wrote Mr. Tucker advising him of the passage of the bill by the Senate and requested him to look after it in the House. I have received the following reply from him:

> "I have your letter about the Appomattox bill. I knew nothing of the introduction of the bill in the Senate until a few days ago. I have read it, as you sent it to me in your letter, and it seems to me to be a most appropriate measure. I have taken steps to have it reported out here, and I don't anticipate any trouble, though of course you can never tell. I will be very glad indeed to co-operate with you in getting it through."

From this it would seem there is no necessity of his being again written to on the subject. It might be to more advantage to write him a little later on should action lag on the House side. However, if you think it would be of any advantage to write him I see no objection to your doing so.

Am glad to know things are moving along so

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COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS.

nicely in the General Assembly. I shall certainly see you when I come down for the inauguration.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Your friend,

Claude A. Swanson

Letter from Julian A. Burruss to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260320.9
Date: 1926-01-23
Author: Burruss, Julian A. (Julian Ashby), 1876-1947
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L. (Samuel Lewis)

Scope and Content:
Letter from Julian A. Burruss, President of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, to Virginia State Senator S. L. Ferguson regarding Senate Bill No. 11. Burruss states that he finds the bill undesirable and unnecessary, but proposes an amendment that would serve the same purpose as the original bill while saving the state and its institutions needless trouble and expense. He asks for an opportunity to discuss the matter and for Senator Ferguson's consideration of the proposed amendment. A handwritten note at the bottom reads "Wrote and enclosed".

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Jan. 23, 1926

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
Senate Chamber,
Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Senator Ferguson:

I notice from the paper that Senate Bill No. 11 has been passed by until Monday. If the Senate is going to pass this bill, I should like to suggest an amendment indicated by the underscored words on the attached paper. Such an amendment will serve the same purpose as the original bill is intended to serve, and at the same time, it will save the institutions and no doubt also the Governor, a lot of needless trouble and loss of time, in fact it may save expense to the State. I think it could be easily shown that the bill itself is undesirable and not necessary, and may defeat the very purpose for which the patron intends it, if we had an opportunity to discuss it. At any rate, I shall be grateful for any consideration you can give to the proposed amendment.

Very truly yours,

Julian A. Burruss

Write me Soon

Letter of recommendation for Sam Burnley to Governor-Elect Harry F. Byrd

Item ID: MSL-20260104.11

Date: 1926-01-25

Author: F/o

Recipient: Byrd, Harry F. (Harry Flood), 1887-1966

Scope and Content:

Typed letter to Governor-Elect Harry F. Byrd endorsing Mr. W. Sam Burnley of Charlottesville, Virginia, for the position of Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings at the State Capitol. The author, who signs with the initials "F/o", vouches for Burnley's character, describing him as industrious, sensible, resourceful, and possessing high character and good ability.

Jan. 25th, 1926.

Hon. Harry F. Byrd,
Governor-Elect of Virginia,
Winchester, Virginia.

My dear Governor:

I wish to endorse for appointment by you my old friend, Mr. W. Sam Burnley, of Charlottesville, Virginia, for the position of Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings at the State Capitol.

I have known Sam Burnley for many, many years. He is industrious, sensible, resourceful, and possesses high character and good ability; and I verily believe that he will perform any task which may be assigned him with credit to himself and your administration.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

F/o

Letter from C. C. Hanch, National Association of Finance Companies, to Honorable S. L. Ferguson regarding Virginia Senate Bill No. 20

Item ID: MSL-20260104.22

Date: 1926-01-26

Author: Hanch, C. C.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
A typed letter from C. C. Hanch, General Manager of the National Association of Finance Companies, to Honorable S. L. Ferguson in Richmond, Virginia. The letter expresses strong opposition to Senate Bill No. 20, which would amend the Virginia Motor Vehicle Title Registration Act by decentralizing the issuance of title certificates to county officers. Hanch argues this would render the law worthless, would be a regressive step, and would weaken an act that is considered a model for other states. He mentions that the National Conference on Street and Highway Safety is drafting a Uniform Vehicle Act that closely follows the Virginia law and urges Ferguson not to weaken the current legislation.

PHONE: RANDOLPH 3655

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January 26, 1926.

Honorable S. L. Ferguson,
State House,
Richmond, Virginia.

My dear Sir:

Senate Bill No. 20 which was referred to the Committee on Finance of the Virginia General Assembly, would amend the present Motor Vehicle Title Registration Act by decentralizing the issuance of title certificates in such a manner that they will be issued by county officers.

If this change is made it is believed that the law will be approximately worthless as an aid in locating automobiles or purchasers. The proposal to decentralize the office of Motor Vehicle Commissioner would be a step backwards and take Virginia out of the group of progressive states in which she now belongs by reason of having some of the most progressive laws in existence relating to motor vehicles.

You may not know that the Virginia Motor Vehicle Title Registration Act is regarded as a model for other states to follow and it has been widely copied and recommended.

In our opinion, Senate Bill No. 20 is wrong in principle and should not be enacted into law. You may be interested to know that the National Conference on Street and Highway Safety is now actively engaged in drafting a Uniform Vehicle Act in three parts, one of which is a model Certificate of Title Law. This is to be presented to the Legislature of every state in the Union. When we say to you that this law closely follows the Virginia law, even after it has been subjected to a great deal of research, you will understand the esteem in which the present Virginia law is held.

We trust that you will do nothing to weaken the Virginia Motor Vehicle Title Registration Act. If anything is done it should be strengthened.

Very truly yours,

CCH:EL

C. C. Hanch,
General Manager.

Letter from C. C. Hanch, National Association of Finance Companies, to T. J. Downing regarding Virginia Senate Bill No. 20

Item ID: MSL-20260104.48

Date: 1926-01-26

Author: Hanch, C. C.

Recipient: Downing, T. J.

Scope and Content:

Typed letter from C. C. Hanch, General Manager of the National Association of Finance Companies in Chicago, to Honorable T. J. Downing in Richmond, Virginia. Hanch writes to oppose Senate Bill No. 20, which would amend the Motor Vehicle Title Registration Act by decentralizing the issuance of title certificates to county officers. He argues this change would render the law worthless for locating automobiles and would be a step backwards, as Virginia's current law is considered a model for other states. He also notes that the National Conference on Street and Highway Safety is drafting a Uniform Vehicle Act based on Virginia's law, and urges Downing not to weaken the existing legislation.

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CCH:EL

C. C. Hanch,
General Manager.

Letter from C. M. Smith to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.50
Date: 1926-01-26
Author: Smith, C. M.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter on The Peoples National Bank letterhead from C. M. Smith in Farmville, Va., to Senator S. L. Ferguson in Richmond, Va. Smith expresses disappointment that the Governor rejected their petition. He then asks Ferguson to speak with Mr. Shirley, the State Highway Commissioner, to help Turner Thomas secure a position with the department. Smith vouches for Thomas's character and experience, noting his home is in Cumberland C. H., Va.

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Farmville, Va.,

January 26th, 1926

Hon. S. L. Ferguson.

Murphys Hotel. Richmond, Va.

My Dear Senator;

Just a few lines, well the Governor turned us down, on our petition, I am so sorry that he did yet I was not surprised, though he certainly said a lot in the statement that he made that will do the boys a lot of good,. Well I am writing you to please see Mr Shirley the State Highway Commissioner in regard to getting Mr Turner Thomas a position with the Department, I know Mr Thomas, he is a fine man perfectly reliable and has had quite a lot of experience, He has made application for a position with the Department, so please do this for him, his home is at Cumberland C. H. Va. anything that you will do will be appreciated by him and myself also, I hope to see soon and talk over things in general.

With the best of wishes. I am Your Friend.

C. M. Smith

Letter regarding rental of the Edmonson place

Item ID: MSL-20260320.58

Date: 1926-01-26

Author: —

Recipient: Furguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Handwritten letter to S. L. Furguson in Appomattox, Virginia, from an unknown author in Hollywood, Virginia. The author inquires about renting the 'Edmonson place', noting that the house is 'mighty shacklig' (shack-like). The author references a previous conversation about renting the property for $50 and asks if Mr. Furguson would rent it for $40, offering to 'fix up the houses some'.

Hollywood va
Jan 25 - 1926.

Mr S L Ferguson
Appomattox va

Dear sir-

If you haven't rented the Edmonson place to anyone yet. I will rent it I went over and looked at the house. And the house is mighty shackling you said you would rent me the place for $50. would you rent me the place for $40. And I will fix up the houses some so anybody can

live in them. or I will
give you $50. for the place
and you allow me $10.
for fixing up the houses
it will cost one $18.
to have the houses
repaired. let me hear
from you at once
Yours very Truly
C E Franklin

Letter from R. P. Strine, Shenandoah National Park Association, Inc., to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.28
Date: 1926-01-27
Author: Strine, R. P.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from R. P. Strine, Regional Director of the Shenandoah National Park Association, to Virginia State Senator S. L. Ferguson. Strine is following up on a previous request from Richard Hancock for Ferguson's cooperation in organizing Appomattox County for the park movement. Strine asks Ferguson to wire a reply at the Association's expense, stating whether he can assist. A postscript asks that if Ferguson cannot help, he provide his opinion on who the next best person for the job would be, mentioning that a Mr. J. R. Horsley has been suggested.

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Please address your reply to:
Shenandoah Nat'l Park Assn. Inc.
826 Church St., Lynchburg, Va.

January 27, 1926.

Senator S. L. Ferguson,
Virginia State Senate,
Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Richard Hancock wrote you under date of January 22d asking your co-operation in the work of this Association in helping to organize Appomattox County. Mr. Hancock has not heard from you and I am taking the liberty of writing to inquire as to whether you may be able to co-operate to the extent he requested, and would thank you to wire your reply to the above address at our expense.

We have but a short time to organize this movement and we want to have Appomattox County ready along with the rest of the District.

Yours very truly,

R. P. Strine

R. P. Strine, Regional Director,
Shenandoah National Park Assn., Inc.

P.S.

We hope that nothing will interfere with your rendering the service called for, but if this is not possible, will you give us your opinion as to whom the next best man would be. We have had suggested to us Mr. J. R. Horsley, and one or two others, but would like to have your opinion.

Letter from William J. Payne to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.42
Date: 1926-01-27
Author: Payne, William J.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from William J. Payne to Virginia State Senator S. L. Ferguson, dated January 27, 1926. Payne encloses a copy of his letter to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and advocates for a state appropriation of $20,000 a year to provide comfort for 'poor women in the declining years of their lives.' He states this would amount to $72.00 a year for each woman and asks for the senator's help.

WILLIAM J. PAYNE
AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

January 27, 1926.

Senator S. L. Ferguson,
State Capitol,
Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter of this date to the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate which I am sending you in order that you may be able to have before you and consider more at your lesiure, the worthiness of this cause, than you could probably do in listening to the reading of it in a busy committee meeting.

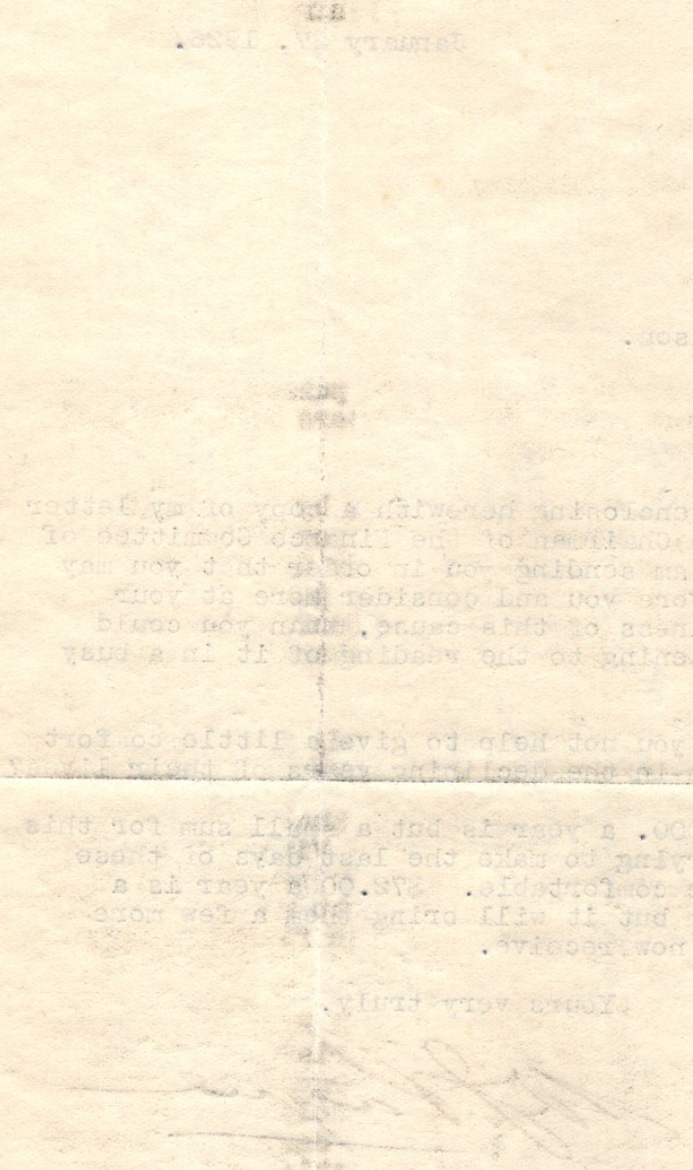
Will you not help to give a little comfort to these poor women in the declining years of their lives?

$20,000. a year is but a small sum for this State to give in trying to make the last days of these women a little more comfortable. $72.00 a year is a pitifully small sum but it will bring them a few more comforts than they now receive.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Payne

WJP/k



Letter from Taylor & Sledd, Inc. to Senator S. L. Ferguson regarding the Virginia War Memorial

Item ID: MSL-20260104.58

Date: 1926-01-27

Author: Taylor & Sledd, Inc.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L. (Samuel Lewis), 1867-1928

Scope and Content:

A typed letter from Taylor & Sledd, Inc., merchandise brokers in Richmond, Virginia, to State Senator S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox. The letter expresses pleasure that a bill has been introduced in the Senate to create a Carillon as a War Memorial and urges the senator's support. It also states their belief that the majority of Virginians do not approve of the design chosen by the Memorial Committee and asks for the senator's opinion on the matter.

Taylor & Sledd, INC.
RICHMOND, VA.
SERVICE
MDSE. BROKERS

Richmond, Va., January 27, 1926.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
Senator of Virginia,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sir:

We are very much pleased to note that a bill has been introduced in the Senate calling for a Carillon as a War Memorial. It is our hope that you will support this bill.

We are confident that the vast majority of Virginians do not care for the Design as approved by the Memorial Committee.

We would be glad to have an expression of opinion from you on this subject.

Respectfully yours,

TAYLOR & SLEDD, INC.

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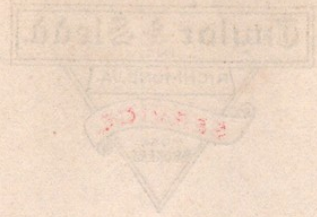


Letter from George Y. Farrar to Mr. Ferguson regarding pay increase

Item ID: MSL-20260104.61
Date: 1926-01-27
Author: Farrar, George Y.
Recipient: Ferguson, Mr.

Scope and Content:
Handwritten letter from George Y. Farrar at the State Colony in Virginia to a Mr. Ferguson. Farrar asks Ferguson to introduce a bill to increase their pay to $2.50 per day. He describes working 12-hour days and being responsible for 40 men, arguing that the work is worth more than their current wages.

State Colony Va 1/27-26

My Dear Mr Ferguson

I am writeing you to ask you to introduce a bill to increase our Pay to $2.50 per day We have to work 12 hours a day. I have to look after 40 men my self and I think it is worth more money then we are getting Please do the best you can for us I think every man that has to look after 40 men bey his self aught to have as much as 2.50 per day

Yrom ing our Friend

Geo. T. Farrar

Letter from W. J. Payne to Senator W. A. Garrett

Item ID: MSL-20260320.12
Date: 1926-01-27
Author: Payne, W. J.
Recipient: Garrett, W. A.

Scope and Content:
Letter from W. J. Payne to Senator W. A. Garrett, on behalf of Mrs. Randolph, urging a legislative committee to increase the annual appropriation for two hundred impoverished women. Payne describes the women's abject poverty and the inadequacy of the current payment of $50.00 per year. He proposes increasing the total appropriation to $20,000, which would raise individual payments to $72.00 per year and allow for 77 additional women from a waiting list to receive aid.

Under this Bill, two hundred women have been paid $50.00 per annum or $12.50 each quarter.

Mrs. Randolph informs me that there are a number on the waiting list who can only receive help as others die and that there are many more who would apply if there was the slightest chance of their receiving help.

Nearly all of these women are destitute and helpless and are existing in the most abject poverty. That many of them have been able to even exist is solely because of the charity of neighbors who, even themselves, are but little able to help them.

That the State of Virginia has not provided for more of these women and the payment of a larger annual sum to them, is an act of inhumanity and neglect that cannot be explained unless the previous Legislatures have not been aware of this condition. Surely , no member of this Legislature will refuse to increase the aid to these women if these facts are placed before them.

I therefore urge, on behalf of Mrs. Randolph and those who are working with her in this worthy cause, that your Committee increase the annual appropriation to $20,000. and the payment to each person of $72.00 instead of $50.00 as at present, or at the rate of $18.00 quarterly. For those who are on the present payroll of the State, this will consume $14,400. and leave $5,600., which will enable payments to be made to 77 additional women. It is probable that this number cannot be qualified and in that case the funds will remain in the Treasury, but I beg you not to leave them in want and distress in case they are worthy.

As those who qualify under thisnact are rapidly dying, it is probable that within ten years there will not be a single one left on the payroll and probably not half the present number within five or six years. The condition of these women should appeal to you from every standpoint of humanity and charity, as well as the duty of the State.

Although Mrs. Randolph has worn herself out in the cause of these women and is in extremely poor health and largely confined to herroom, if there is any uncertainty about the attitude of your Committee regarding this help, she begs that you permit her to come before your Committee on behalf of these women.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) W. J. PAYNE

WJP/k

Letter from The Woman's Club of Petersburg to S. L. Ferguson, with an enclosed note to Margaret Loving

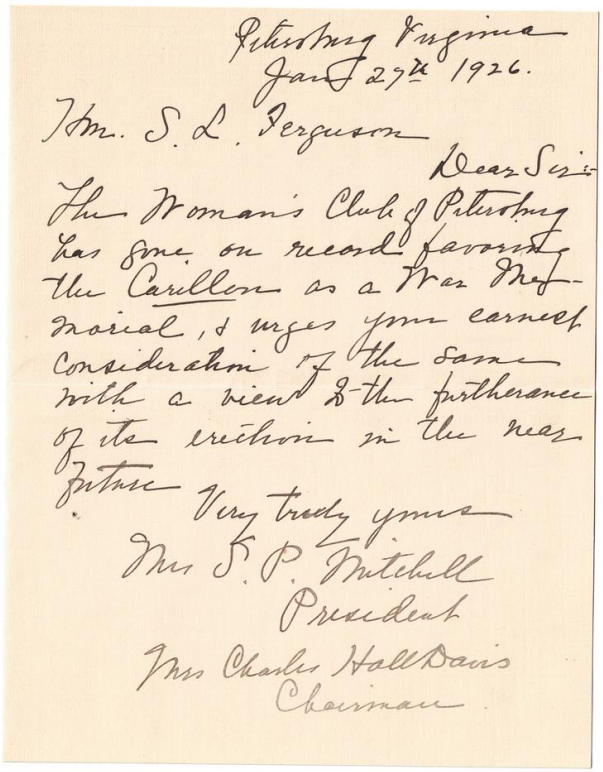
Item ID: MSL-20260320.49

Date: 1926-01-27

Author: Mitchell, F. P. (Mrs.); Davis, Charles Hall (Mrs.)

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L. (Hon.); Loving, Margaret (Miss)

Scope and Content:
A formal letter from Mrs. F. P. Mitchell (President) and Mrs. Charles Hall Davis (Chairman) of The Woman's Club of Petersburg to Hon. S. L. Ferguson, expressing the club's support for the Carillon as a war memorial. An accompanying personal note, written on Miss Margaret Loving's stationery, is addressed to Miss Loving from an unidentified author. The note mentions meeting Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Hanckel, and references a field hospital at the Snowden home.



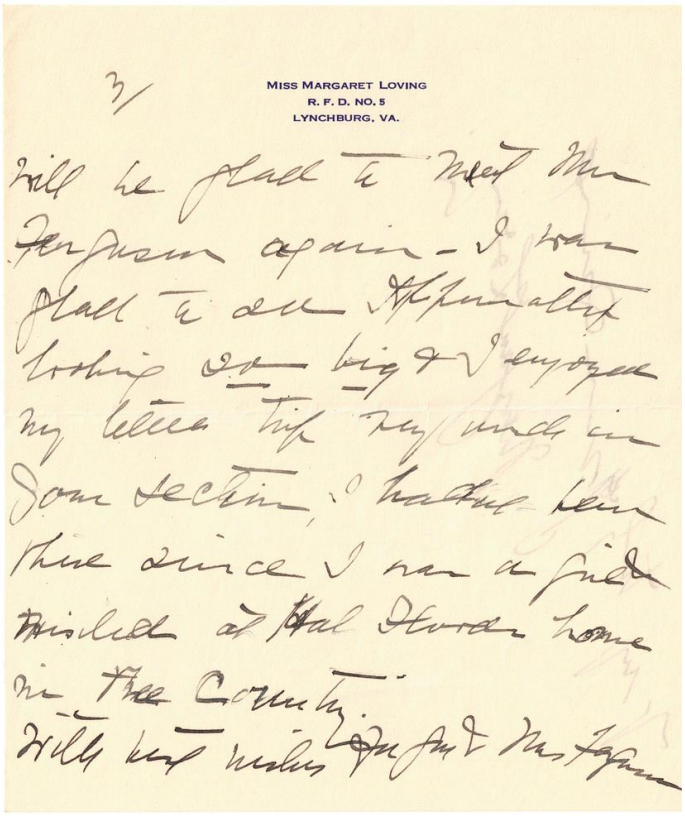
Petersburg Virginia
Jan 27th 1926.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson

Dear Sir:

The Woman's Club of Petersburg has gone on record favoring the Carillon as a War Memorial, & urges your earnest consideration of the same with a view to the furtherance of its erection in the near future.

Very truly yours
Mrs S. P. Mitchell
President
Mrs Charles Hall Davis
Chairman



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MISS MARGARET LOVING
R. F. D. NO. 5
LYNCHBURG, VA.

will be glad to meet Mr Ferguson again - I was glad to see Appomattox looking so big & I enjoyed my little trip my uncle in your section, I had not been there since I was a girl & misled at Hal Flood's home in the County.

With best wishes for you & Mrs Ferguson

Letter from P. R. Miller to S. F. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.41
Date: 1926-01-28
Author: Miller, P. R.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. F.

Scope and Content:
Handwritten letter from P. R. Miller of Glenmore, Virginia, to Virginia State Senator S. F. Ferguson. Miller advocates for a law to prohibit carrying pistols, specifically mentioning "mean negroes & bootleggers" and citing a similar law in West Virginia. He also urges Ferguson to vote to abolish "useless offices," consolidate state departments, and reduce salaries to improve the state's fiscal condition.

P. R. MILLER
GLENMORE, VA.

Glenmore Buckingham Co
Jan 28 1926

Hon S F Ferguson
Va. Senate. Richmond Va

Dear Sir

I would like to see a law passed to stop pistol toting a good citizen is at the mercy now of mean negroes & bootleggers I think the west Va is a good law on this it works fine there I hope you will think this over and try and get it passed

I also hope that you will vote to abolish useless offices and consolidate departments & cut down salaries as nearly all of our money goes now to keep up a set of offices and department of the State if we could only get a dollars worth of work for a dollar spent our State would go forward & take her place where she belongs over

I would like to see the law changed so that the decision Supt Schools and Trustees elected by the people

I have great hopes of this present Assembly and if we dont get things I can hardly say that the people of this section will be sadly disappointed

I am very truly yours

P R Miller

Correspondence to S. L. Ferguson from Harry F. Byrd and The Farmers National Bank

Item ID: MSL-20260320.36

Date: 1926-01-28

Author: Byrd, Harry F. (Harry Flood), 1887-1966; Harwood, A. R.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L. (Samuel Lewis), 1870-1941

Scope and Content:

A Western Union telegram from Harry F. Byrd in Richmond, Virginia, to S. L. Ferguson in Appomattox, inviting him to stay at the "Mansion" to discuss "pressing matters." The telegram suggests dates in late November and December. Also included is a letter dated January 28, 1926, from the cashier of The Farmers National Bank of Appomattox to State Senator S. L. Ferguson in Richmond. The letter forwards a petition for the State Highway Department and suggests Ferguson discuss it with Mr. Shirley.

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Received at Richmond Va.

S.L.Ferguson
Appomattox Va.

Answering your letter would suggest you come Richmond week after next will be here every day except Nov. twenty eighth day twenty ninth and December third will go North Carolina next week and have many pressing matters here expect you all stay with us at Mansion suggest thirty first or second

Harry F. Byrd

C.W HANCOCK, PRESIDENT. M.C. SMITH, VICE-PRESIDENT. A R HARWOOD, CASHIER.

THE FARMERS NATIONAL BANK

APPOMATTOX, VA. Jan. 28, 1926

Hon. S. L. Ferguson
C/o. State Senate
Richmond, Va.

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

I hand you herewith the petition to the State Highway Dept. with which you are familiar. I think you can handle this matter with Mr. Shirley to best advantage and hope you will pass it to him with such explanation as you may deem wise.

Yours sincerely,

Cashier.

Letter from R. P. Strine, Shenandoah National Park Association, to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.5

Date: 1926-01-29

Author: Strine, R. P.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from R. P. Strine, Regional Director of the Shenandoah National Park Association, to Senator S. L. Ferguson. Strine thanks Ferguson for his note and asks him to urge a Mr. Horsley to accept an appointment for Appomattox County. Strine also conveys that Mr. Angell and Mr. Hancock regret that Ferguson's duties prevent his own acceptance of a role but are confident of his cooperation in the endeavor to establish the park. The letter is on official letterhead which lists officers, directors, and the advisory council of the association.

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
(STATE AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE)
BLACKSBURG

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Jan. 23, 1926

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
Senate Chamber,
Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Senator Ferguson:

I notice from the paper that Senate Bill No. 11 has been passed by until Monday. If the Senate is going to pass this bill, I should like to suggest an amendment indicated by the underscored words on the attached paper. Such an amendment will serve the same purpose as the original bill is intended to serve, and at the same time it will save the institutions and no doubt also the Governor, a lot of needless trouble and loss of time, in fact it may save expense to the State. I think it could be easily shown that the bill itself is undesirable and not necessary, and may defeat the very purpose for which the patron intends it, if we had an opportunity to discuss it. At any rate, I shall be grateful for any consideration you can give to the proposed amendment.

Very truly yours,

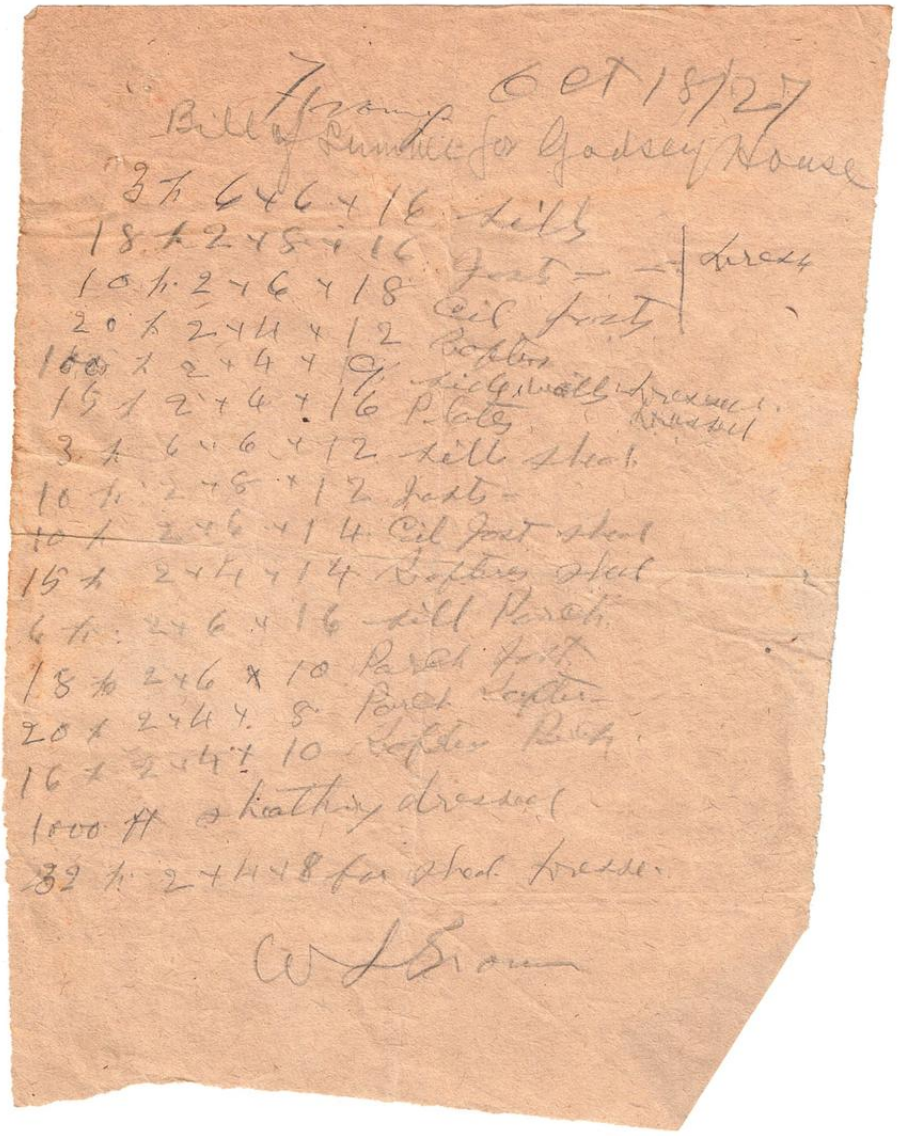
Julian A. Burruss

Write me about it

Bill of Lumber for Godsey House

Item ID: MSL-20260320.53
Date: 1927 October 18
Author: Brown, W. S.
Recipient: Godsey

Scope and Content:
A handwritten list of lumber needed for framing the 'Godsey House', dated October 18, 1827. The list details the quantity, dimensions, and type of lumber, including sills, joists, rafters, plates, and sheathing for the house, porch, and shed trusses. The document is signed by W.S. Brown.



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Bill of Lumber for Godsey House

3 p 6 x 6 x 16 Sills
18 p 2 x 8 x 16 Joists — | Dress
10 p 2 x 6 x 18 Ceil Joists
20 p 2 x 4 x 12 Rafters
100 p 2 x 4 x 9 Side walls Dressed
15 p 2 x 4 x 16 Plates Dressed
3 p 6 x 6 x 12 Sill Shed
10 p 2 x 8 x 12 Joists
10 p 2 x 6 x 14 Ceil Joist Shed
15 p 2 x 4 x 14 Rafters Shed
6 p 2 x 6 x 16 Sill Porch
18 p 2 x 6 x 10 Porch Joist
20 p 2 x 4 x 8 Porch Rafter
16 p 2 x 4 x 10 Rafter Porch
1000 ft sheathing dressed
32 p 2 x 4 x 8 for Shed Dressed

W L Brown

Letter from The White & Bagley Company to S. L. Furgison

Item ID: MSL-20260104.53
Date: 1927-09-15
Author: Bagley, Edwin G.
Recipient: Furgison, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Promotional letter for Oilzum motor oil. The letter argues that while the product has a higher initial cost, it is more economical in the long run by forming a strong film between moving parts of a motor, preventing wear and tear. It mentions an enclosed letter from race driver Eddie Hearne as a testimonial and encourages the recipient to try the product, available at Appomattox Auto Wrecking Co.

Cable Address
"WABCO" Worcester
A.B.C. (5th Edition)
Liebers and Western Union Codes

OUR PRODUCTS APPEAL TO THOSE WHO DEMAND THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

Oilzum

MANUFACTURED BY

THE WHITE & BAGLEY COMPANY

100 FOSTER STREET WORCESTER, MASS., U.S.A.

OILZUM MOTOR OILS
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CLEANZUM HAND CLEANER

HERBERT P. BAGLEY
PRES. & TREAS.
EDWIN G. BAGLEY
SECRETARY

September 15, 1927

S. L. Furgison,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sir:-

A little higher in first cost but more economical in the long run. Isn't that true of nearly everything?

This applies particularly to Oilzum, which forms a stronger and more enduring film between the moving parts of a motor, preventing wear and tear by keeping moving surfaces apart, and giving the world's safest motor insurance.

You will find enclosed a letter from Eddie Hearne, one of America's best known and greatest race drivers, who has tried out many different kinds of oil and proved to himself that Oilzum is the safest and most economical oil.

Appomattox Auto Wrecking Co., Appomattox, Va., would like to have you try out Oilzum in your car so that you may prove to yourself the real lubricating value of America's Finest Oil.

Yours very truly,

THE WHITE & BAGLEY COMPANY.

E. G. Bagley

EGB/FES

Secretary

DEPENDABILITY REPUTATION AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT ASSN. JUSTICE QUALITY

ALSO MANUFACTURERS OF ECONOMY CUTTING AND GRINDING LUBRICANTS FOR METAL-WORKING

Letter from Raymond V. Long, Supervisor of School Buildings, to Senator S.L. Ferguson regarding auditorium acoustics in Appomattox

Item ID: MSL-20260104.7
Date: 1927-09-15
Author: Long, Raymond V.
Recipient: Ferguson, S.L.

Scope and Content:
A typed letter from Raymond V. Long of the Virginia State Board of Education to Senator S.L. Ferguson. Long retracts a previous recommendation from June 8th for correcting bad acoustics in the auditorium at Appomattox. He explains he was not aware at the time that the building had not been constructed according to the original plans, noting that two front rooms were omitted and changes were made to the balcony. He proposes visiting Appomattox to take accurate measurements before making a new recommendation. He incidentally learned of the changes from a Mrs. Wagers while visiting her husband in the hospital.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RICHMOND

September 15, 1927

Senator S.L.Ferguson
Appomattox, Virginia

My dear Mr. Ferguson:

On June 8th I wrote you recommending a method of correcting the bad acoustics in the auditorium at Appomattox.

I was not aware of the fact at the time of writing you that the building had not been constructed in accordance with the plans. It seems that the two front rooms were left off the original plans, and I gathered that some change was made in the arrangement of the balcony.

Under the circumstances I think it would be best for us to drop by Appomattox, look over the situation and take accurate measurements before you proceed any further on our recommendation.

I incidentally learned of the fact that the changes were made in the construction of this building in discussing this matter with your daughter, Mrs. Wagers, when I call on Mr. Wagers when he was in the hospital.

I will try to get by Appomattox in the near future, and hope to have the pleasure of seeing you when I stop by.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours

Raymond V. Long

Raymond V. Long
Supervisor School Buildings

RVL:LB

Letter from Louis S. Epes, State Corporation Commission, to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.45

Date: 1927-09-16

Author: Epes, Louis S.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Letter from Commissioner Louis S. Epes of the Virginia State Corporation Commission to Senator S. L. Ferguson regarding the tax assessment of the Telephone Company of Appomattox. Epes acknowledges Ferguson's letter of September 10th and states the Commission is carefully reviewing the matter. While the adjusted assessment seems low, they are considering Ferguson's opinion that a $2,000 assessment is sufficient. Epes suggests that an assessment as low as $3,000 might be justifiable but going lower would be difficult.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

BERKLEY D. ADAMS
CHAIRMAN
LESTER HOOKER
LOUIS S. EPES

RICHARD T. WILSON
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

RICHMOND Sept. 16, 1927

Senator S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Senator:

With reference to the assessment of the Telephone Company of Appomattox, Va., referred to in your letter of September 10th:

We are checking over this return in the light of your letter, and are trying to see that no injustice is done this Company.

The assessment adjusted would appear to be an extremely low assessment, but we are going into the matter quite carefully, due to the postiveness in which you state that $2,000 in your opinion is sufficient assessment.

It may be that this Company may justify an assessment as low as $3,000, but it will be difficult to go lower than this.

Yours very truly,

Louis S. Epes

Commissioner

LSE;CB

Letter regarding placement of an electric meter

Item ID: MSL-20260320.46
Date: 1927-09-17
Author: Unknown
Recipient: S. L. Ferguson

Scope and Content:
Handwritten letter to S. L. Ferguson requesting that he move the electric meter in his house from upstairs to a location accessible from the outside, such as a back porch, basement, or front porch. The author, likely from an electric utility, explains that this is for the convenience of both the customer and the meter reader, who finds it annoying to have to enter the house, sometimes with muddy shoes, or find the house locked and have to make multiple trips.

Appomattox Va
Sept- 17- 1927

Mr S L Fergusan
Appomattox Va

Dear Mr Fergusan

I asked the colored man that mired your hause along the Highway, where he had fixed the place for the meter, and he told me it was up stairs. Would be glad if you would have him put it where our meter reader can read it without going in side. It is the custom now to place them on back porch or basement, or front porch for the convenience of both parties. It is very annoying to customer to have to arrange for meter readers to enter their up stairs, off times with muddy shoes, It is annoying to meter reader to find hause locked and have to make two or three trips, and then not get to read it; It a case

of this kind they bill the customer the minimum and when he reads the meter and sends the next bill it is of course much more then the last, and it is often very hard to explain to them so they will understand, I am sure you can see this will be much more satisfactory to both parties.

We expect to run this extra wire next week, which will take care of your other houses as you care to have them put on the line.

Yours truly

Virginia Public Service Co
By S S Coffman Eng.

Letter from Joseph Button to Sam regarding a scholarship for Garrett

Item ID: MSL-20260104.54
Date: 1927-09-19
Author: Button, Joseph
Recipient: Sam

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from Joseph Button, Commissioner of Insurance for the Commonwealth of Virginia, to 'Sam' from Walkers Ford, Va. Button writes that he has secured a 'Chas. J. Anderson Scholarship' for a young man named Garrett at 'the Institute' in Lexington. Garrett was number seven on the alternate list for a State Cadetship. The letter contrasts the Anderson Scholarship ($250/year with no obligation) with the State Cadetship ($270/year with a service obligation to teach, serve in the National Guard, or work for the State Highway Department). Button expresses his pleasure in being able to render a service for 'Bob', likely a relative of Garrett's.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Bureau of Insurance

JOSEPH BUTTON, COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
C. B. COULBOURN, DEPUTY COMM'R

RICHMOND

Walkers Ford, Va. Sept. 19th. 1927.

Dear Sam:-

I promised you that I would look after young Garrett and I have done so. When I got up to Lexington Saturday morning I immediately inquired if he were entered and at the Institute and found that he was. I then looked to see if he had received an appointment as State Cadet but found that the first five alternates had received appointments and he was number seven. Of course he would have gotten his appointment in a little while, but there was a vacancy in the Chas. J. Anderson Scholarships, of which there are six to be appointed from the different geographical divisions of the state and as all of the other divisions had one except south-side I got the Board at its meeting Saturday night to give him this appointment. A State Cadetship saves $270.00 a year but with the obligation to teach two years after graduation or serve a term of enlistment in the National G Guard or a term with the State Highway Department, while the Anderson Scholarship carries with it $250.00 a year and no obligation to teach or pay back the money. With the possibility that he might not be reached as an alternate and with the certainty of this appointment I thought it better to cinch it. I was delighted to be able to render Bob a service for he has had my sympathy throughout his entire trouble.

I dropped off here yesterday afternoon and am taking the noon train for Richmond.

With love to all,

Sincerely your friend,

JB

Letter from Governor Harry F. Byrd to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.44

Date: 1927-09-20

Author: Byrd, Harry Flood, 1887-1966

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from Governor Harry F. Byrd in Richmond, Virginia, to Hon. S. L. Ferguson in Appomattox, Virginia. Byrd invites Ferguson and his wife to spend a Sunday with him. As Byrd is about to leave for a two-week apple-picking vacation, he alternatively invites the Fergusons to stay a few days at 'the Bungalow'. If they are unable to visit, Byrd requests a meeting upon his return to discuss several matters.

HARRY FLOOD BYRD
GOVERNOR

Commonwealth of Virginia

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RICHMOND

PETER SAUNDERS
SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR
VIOLET E. MC DOUGALL
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

September 20, 1927.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,

Appomattox, Va.

My dear Sam:

I have been hoping that you and Mrs. Ferguson would come up and spend Sunday with us. I will leave this week for two weeks vacation to pick apples and wish very much that you would bring Mrs. Ferguson and stay a few days with us at the Bungalow. If not, I would like very much to see you within the next several weeks on my return. I have a number ofmatters to discuss with you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harry -

Letter from William E. Carson to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260320.30
Date: 1927-09-20
Author: Carson, William E.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from William E. Carson, Chairman of the State Conservation and Development Commission, to Hon. S. L. Ferguson. Carson responds to Ferguson's letter and encloses a memorandum of places to be photographed from the air. He asks if Ferguson wants the town of Appomattox photographed and explains that the commission is focusing on historically significant sites, such as the site of General Lee's surrender and surrounding farms, as it is impossible to photograph every small town in the state. The letter concludes with a personal note.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CONSERVATION
AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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DANTE

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
AND TREASURER

RICHMOND

Riverton, Virginia

September 20th, 1927.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

My dear Sam:

I find your letter of the 14th on my return. I enclose you herewith Memorandum of places to be photographed from the Air. Do you wish the town of Appomattox particularly, photographed? If so I will try and catch the photographer.

You will note that we are taking the Site of Surrender of General Lee, north of Appomattox, and photographs of farms around Appomattox. We had to confine our pictures to points of historic or other interest, or make pictures of every small town in the State, as each and every small town demanded their picture, and this you realize was impossible.

Sincerely hoping that your shadow is not growing less, that your supply of "pre-war" is not yet exhausted, and that, one by one, your enemies are ceasing to be, just before they commence to trouble you.

Very sincerely yours

WEC/Mc.
enclosure.

Mr. Ferguson

MEMORANDUM OF PLACES TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED FROM THE AIR.

1. City of Alexandria, including the George Washington Masonic Memorial, and bringing out the possibilities of Alexandria as a harbor. 2. Mt. Vernon. Two views, one from the north towards the river; one from the southwest. 3. Fairfax Court House, squaring with highways and bringing out the court house. 4. Manassas, from the west, with the battlefields of Bull Run in the distance. 5. Oakwood, Mansion and Estate of Pres. Monroe. 6. Leesburg. 7. Berryville, stressing particularly the large estates to the east. 8. Well developed orchards, farms. 9. Several views of the City of Winchester, including the chief position of Civil War troops to the north-west. 10. Orchard farms adjacent. 11. Scene of Sheridan's ride on the Valley Pike. 12. Painted Post, home of Lord Fairfax. 13. Strasburg Junction, north-south view, squaring with Pike. 14. View of north end of Massanutten Mountains. If possible, also add view of Fort Valley Canyon just to the east. 15. Riverton, bringing out the junction of the two Shenandoah Rivers- possibly a view from the southeast. 16. Front Royal, from south squaring with Main Street. 17. Woodstock. 18. View of Valley Pike to the south or north, bringing out the winding road and rolling country. 19. Resort region of Orkney Springs in the mountains. 20. View of the Lee Highway winding over the Massanutten Mountain. 21. New Market from the south, with the battlefield in the northern distance. 22. Farm scene, especially where the north branch of the Shenandoah crosses the Valley Pike. Get good farm scenes of this section of the Valley. 23. Lincoln ancestral home. 24. Typical mountain view in the Appalachian foothills. 25. City of Harrisonburg. Several views including Normal School. 26. Farm scene. 27. Battlefield of Port Republic and Cross Keys. 28. City of Staunton, several views, including military school. 29. Rockfish Gap. Probably two pictures with outlook east and west. 30 to 39. Series of views of the Shenandoah National Park area on the Blue Ridge, to adequately represent its topography, with views from the mountain towards the adjacent Valleys and some views from the valley toward the mountain. Also the orchard lands around Crozet in 3?, and the town of Luray, with the site of the Luray Caverns in 37. 40. Old Marshall home-stead. 41. Farm scene west of Warrenton. 42. Farm scene north of Warrenton, bringing out some of the better estates. 43. Town of Warrenton, court house near foreground. Probably view west, squaring with Main Street. 44, 45, 46, 47, 48. Views of town of Culpeper, with the farming lands adjacent. 49. City of Orange. 50. Montpelier, estate of Pres. Madison. 51 - 52. Farm scenes between Orange and Charlottesville. 53. Two or more views in Charlottesville, one of the University from the main entrance nearly square with street and other from the east edge of town, looking west squaring with Main Street. 54. Monticello, viewed from the north. 55. Alberene stone quarried and manufacturing plant. 56, 57, 58. Views along the James River above Richmond. 59, 60, 61, 62. Views along the Richmond-Washington Highway, illustrating its winding course and the roll of the country, bringing out some of the white guard rails in the ravines. 63. Battlefield of Spottsylvania Court House, with town in foreground, looking northwest. 64, 65. Battlefield of Chancellorville and Wilderness.

66. Fredericksburg, several views, one from the southwest, showing battlegrounds and National Cemetery; one showing Kenmore; another covering Falmouth north of the river. 67, 68. Views along the Rappahannock above Warsaw. 69. Tappahannock Bridge, from the southwest with village in foreground a little at angle. 70. Warsaw from the northeast, with the church and monument to Congressman Jones in foreground. 71. View of lower Rappahannock. 72. King Carter's Chapel from northwest, including cross-roads. 73. Resort of Irvington, bringing out the view of the bay, preferably from the line side. 74. Points of land at mouth of Rappahannock. 75, 76, 77. Views of trucking section, including main highways of eastern shore. 76. Town of Accomac. 81, Town of Eastville. 78, 80, 82. Views of mud flats along east margin of shore. 83. Hampton Roads. Two or more views, to bring out physiography. 84. Fortress Monroe, probably from the north or northeast. 86. Shore views of southern Mathews County. 85. City of Hampton, with college prominent. 87, 88. Views of east shore of Gloucester County, especially bringing out the old estates and plantation houses. 89. Residence possibilities on York River. 90. Yorktown, stressing the battle and surrender field, probably viewed from the south, with surrender site in the foreground, National Monument at the left and possibly capitulation house at the right. 91. Big Bethel fortification. 92. Carters Grove Estate. 93. Williamsburg, at least two views; one from the east showing site of Old House of Burgesses, another from the center of town, showing the College; another of Bruton Parish. 94. Jamestown from the east. National Monument in the foreground, river in the background. 95, 96. One or two views along the James River, bringing out building and factory sites. 97, 98. Views of the typical loblolly pine forests. 99. Westover, probably from the north, towards the river. 100. Hopewell from the east and southeast showing strategic position. 100-A. City of Petersburg from the east; also two or three views of the Crater and the old fortifications line, neighborhood of Fort Damnation. 101. View of old battlefields taking in Fort Harrison and Bermuda Hundred. 102. Battlefield area Marvin Hill. 103. Two or three views of the old battlefield in Cold Harbor region. 104. Series of views of Richmond, including State Capitol from the south; the lower falls of the river and industrial district from the southeast. View of Monument Avenue, Stuart's or Lee's Monument in foreground. The Windsor Farms from the northwest, with Sulgrave Manor and Agecroft in the foreground and railroad bridge in the distance. Hollywood Cemetery, stressing the soldier's pyramid. St. Johns Church from the northwest; University of Richmond. 105. Town of Farmville. 106. Representative farms in the dark tobacco district near appomattox. Good farm building group in foreground for all farm pictures. 107. Site of surrender of Lee, two miles north of appomattox. 108. Several views of Lynchburg. 109. View from the west towards Balcony Falls Gap on the James River, to show possibilities of the site as reservoir and electrical power development. 110. One or more views of Natural Bridge, probably from the north. 111. Lexington, with V. M. I. and Washington and Lee

schools. 112. Birth-place of Cyrus McCormick, inventor of the reaper. 113, 114, 115. View of Hot Springs, rivers and resorts of Bath County. 116. Clifton Forge. 117. Covington. 118. Mountain Lake. 119. Two or three views of the Narrows and Pearisburg. 120. Bluefield. 121 abd 124. Several farm scenes in Clinch Valley, showing typical topography and best plantations. 122. Couple of views of town of Tazewell, bringing out its location and elevation. 123. Site of an old log fort recently reproduced. 125. Typical coal mining town, Dante, view from south. 126. Farming region. 127. Big Stone Gap, also Natural Tunnel. 128. Pennington Gap. 129. Cumberland Gap. 130. City of Bristol. 131. Abingdon. 132. Saltville. 133. Farm scenes, including Lee Highway. 134. Marion. 135. Wytheville, especially views from the northwest, bringing out elevation and relation to mountains. 136. Radford, and Normal School. 137. Blacksburg and V. P. I. 138. Farm and road scenes en route to Roanoke. 139. Several views of Roanoke. 140. Farm lands about Roanoke. 141. Peaks of Otter. 142. Views of Danville. 143. View of farm in the light tobacco region. 144. Farm scenes in the peanut district. 145. Town of Suffolk. 146. Several views of Dismal Swamp and the native forests of cedar. 147. Sand dunes at Virginia Beach. 148. Views of Virginia Beach and resorts. 149. Harbor and town of Portsmouth. 150. Bacon's Castle and Smithfield. Also the more important golf courses in the State, Brocks Gap and proposed water power development, Rocky Mount, Chatham and Martinsville.

S. L. Ferguson in acct with S. S. Coffman

Item ID: MSL-20260320.51
Date: 1927-09-22-1927-10-29
Author: Coffman, S. S.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Handwritten account statement from S. S. Coffman to S. L. Ferguson for electrical work performed in September and October 1927. The itemized list includes charges for wiring a boiler to the outside of the house ($1.25), fixing lights at the house ($0.75), and fixing lights in the servant's house ($0.25). The total amount is $2.25.

Mr S L Ferguson
in acct with
S S Coffman

1927

Sept.	22	To wiring heater to out-side of house		1 25
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Letter regarding Assessment of the Appomattox Telephone Company

Item ID: MSL-20260104.38
Date: 1927-09-24
Author: Epes, Louis S.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Letter from Commissioner Louis S. Epes of the Virginia State Corporation Commission to Senator S. L. Ferguson. The letter addresses Ferguson's concerns about the property assessment of the Appomattox Telephone Company. Epes states it is hard to visualize the company's property being worth more than $3,000, but in view of the senator's confidence that it might be over-assessed, he will send an engineer for a physical inspection.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

BERKLEY D. ADAMS
CHAIRMAN
LESTER HOOKER
LOUIS S. EPES

RICHARD T. WILSON
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

RICHMOND, September 24, 1927

In Re: Assessment of the Appomattox Telephone Company.

Sen. S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Senator:

Referring to the above matter and to your letter of September 20th:

It is hard to visualize a telephone Company with the quantity of product, which is owned by the Appomattox Telephone Company, and if in any condition at all is work $3,000.

However, in view of your confidence that this Company's property would be over assessed at approximately $3,000, I will send one of our Engineers to Appomattox one day next week to go over the property of phycial inspection.

Yours very truly,

Louis S. Epes
Commissioner

LSE;CB

Letter from S. Pierce Loving, State Bank of Pamplin, to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.6
Date: 1927-09-24
Author: Loving, S. Pierce
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
A typed letter from S. Pierce Loving, Cashier of the State Bank of Pamplin, to S. L. Ferguson in Appomattox, Virginia. Loving explains a delay in replying, stating he needed to speak with Mr. B. W. Marshall regarding the 'C. C. Sears matter'. After consideration, the bank has decided not to take over the loan from Mr. Marshall, as they do not view it as a 'desirable bank risk'.

W.B.BINFORD, PRESIDENT.
DR.F.H.LUKIN, VICE-PRES.

S.PIERCE LOVING, CASHIER.

W.R.BRIGHTWELL, ASST CASHIER.
THOS.R.PUGH, JR., ASST.CASHIER.

STATE BANK OF PAMPLIN

INCORPORATED

PAMPLIN, VA.

September 24, 1927.

Mr. S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.,

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

I have not replied to your recent letter for the reason that I wanted to talk with Mr. B. W. Marshall about the C. C. Sears matter, and have just been able to see him. After giving the matter consideration, we do not regard the loan as a desirable bank risk and would not care to take it over from Mr. Marshall at this time.

Yours very truly,

S. P. Lovings

Cashier.

Letter from James P. Woods to Sam regarding the Virginia governorship race

Item ID: MSL-20260104.74

Date: 1927-09-24

Author: Woods, James P.

Recipient: Sam

Scope and Content:

Handwritten letter from a member of the Woods, Chitwood, Coxe & Rogers law firm in Roanoke, Virginia, addressed to 'Sam'. The author discusses prospective candidates for Governor of Virginia, noting that Lieutenant Governor Junius Edgar West is determined to run. The author does not believe West will be elected but is certain he will enter the race. The author then asks Sam if he would consider running for governorship, suggesting that even hinting at a candidacy among close friends would have the effect of "shutting off all other aspirants." The author expresses confidence that Sam could be elected without great effort, even against active opposition.

JAMES P. WOODS
JOSEPH H. CHITWOOD
WHITWELL W. COXE
FRANK W. ROGERS

LEONARD G. MUSE
MURRAY A. FOSTER

LAW OFFICES
WOODS, CHITWOOD, COXE & ROGERS
306-317 BOXLEY BUILDING
ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

Sept. 24 - 1927

Dear Sam:

I am hearing quite a good deal about prospective candidates for Governor. Among those mentioned it seems almost certain that Lieut Gov. West is determined to make the race. I do not think he will be elected, but I am quite certain he will run.

His candidacy for the governorship leaves the Lieut. Governorship without an incumbent. I am wondering if you would consider making the race. If you should let it get out from your close friends that you are considering making the race or that you are even accepting the effect of such an attitude on your part would I believe have the effect of shutting off all other aspirants. Even with active opposition, I feel certain you could be elected without any very great effort or worry.

If you will consider becoming a candidate, and will allow me to do so, I think I can practically preempt the city for you.

It is not my intention at this time to make any definite announcements or do any big publicity talking, but merely to drop it tactfully & timely that you may become a candidate.

I am writing this letter in long hand because I wish it to be a communication strictly confidential between us.

I am sorry I could not support your friend, Willis. On stock. I opposed him acting, but it sometimes happens that my friend's friends are not my friends.

Willis has never been popular in Roanoke He never had any opposition before & any consequence.

Let me hear from you.

Your friend

Joseph D. Whitwood

Letter from Raymond V. Long to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.23
Date: 1927-09-26
Author: Long, Raymond V.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Letter from Raymond V. Long, Supervisor of School Buildings for the Virginia State Board of Education, to Hon. S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox School. Long acknowledges Ferguson's letter of September 22nd and states his intention to visit Appomattox soon. He notes that if Ferguson is not there, he will communicate with Mrs. Wagers or Superintendent Burke.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RICHMOND

September 26, 1927.

Appomattox School.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Virginia.

My dear Mr. Ferguson;

Acknowledging your letter of September 22nd, wish to advise that I will make it a point to stop by Appomattox just as soon as I can arrange it in the near future. In the event you are not there I will communicate with Mrs. Wagers or Superintendent Burke.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Raymond V. Long,
Supervisor School Buildings.

RVL/P

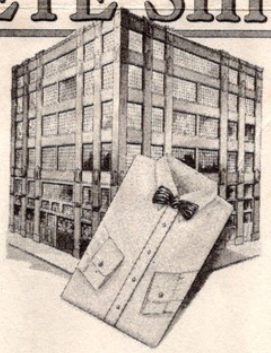
Letter from The Buckeye Shirt Co., Inc. to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.55
Date: 1927-09-26
Author: Bernard A. Abrams
Recipient: Mr. S. L. Ferguson

Scope and Content:
A sales letter from Bernard A. Abrams, President of The Buckeye Shirt Co., Inc., to Mr. S. L. Ferguson. The letter promotes their "GENUINE IMPORTED ENGLISH BROADCLOTH" shirts and offers to send a set of four for Ferguson to try at the company's risk and expense. It details the quality, popularity, and pricing of the shirts ($7.65 for four), highlighting a satisfaction guarantee that allows for return within eight days at the company's expense. The letter mentions an enclosed order blank.

THE BUCKEYE SHIRT CO., INC.

Merchandise of Quality — *Serving the Wearer Direct*



FACTORIES
2530 BELMONT AVE.
114 MERCER STREET
NEW YORK

EXECUTIVE OFFICES
543 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

September 26th, 1927

Mr. S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox,
Va.

My Dear Sir:

I would like to send to your home, with your consent and at my risk and expense a set of our White Imported English Broadcloth shirts.

Three years ago when we first offered "GENUINE IMPORTED ENGLISH BROADCLOTH" shirts direct to wearer we sold 15,000 the first season. The fame of those shirts spread so quickly that we have since sold as much as 400,000 - in one season, mind you! Can you yourself think of a stronger testimonial?

Goodness established their popularity. Wearers spread their fame.

Finely woven, soft and smooth almost as silk, there is no way of duplicating the rare lustrousness, the durability of this Imported English Broadcloth material. No imitation can tailor so superbly, can retain its highly mercerized Silky finish after repeated launderings, as can this cloth.

Of careful cut, fine finish and quality tailoring, it gives the appearance and service of a custom shirt. That is why "BUCKEYE" Genuine Imported English Broadcloth shirts look as different on you as a custom-made suit of clothes. That is why they fit you so well "all over" -- neckband, shoulders, chest, waist and sleeves.

The low price? You'll smile when you'll hear it. By concentrating all our sales volume on this fine quality Imported English Broadcloth and selling no less than 4 to a customer, we are able to offer them to you for only $7.65 delivered to your door post paid.

The regular retail price of these shirts is $2.95 each--$11.80 for four. You save $4.15.

When you receive these shirts, examine the cloth and workmanship - - then try them on. If you are not satisfied, return them to us within eight (8) days at OUR EXPENSE; but if you ARE SATISFIED, mail us your check for $7.65 in full payment.

Is this not as square a proposition as was ever offered?

The enclosed order blank is for your convenience. You can't lose - - you've got to win - and you will!

Yours very truly,

Bernard A Brann

President.

Letter from Governor Harry F. Byrd to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.8
Date: 1927-09-26
Author: Byrd, Harry F. (Harry Flood), 1887-1966
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from Governor Harry F. Byrd in Winchester, Virginia, to Hon. S. L. Ferguson in Appomattox, Virginia. Byrd acknowledges Ferguson's letters and discusses endorsements for 'Osborne,' which will not be addressed until March. He expresses regret that Mrs. Ferguson has been unwell and extends an invitation for the Fergusons to visit the governor's mansion in the winter. Byrd also provides advice regarding Ferguson's apples, suggesting he contact two buyers in New York (C. C. Hess & Co. and L. Van Bokkelen) because the apple crop is 'greatly reduced' and should be valuable.

Commonwealth of Virginia

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RICHMOND

HARRY F. BYRD
GOVERNOR

PETER SAUNDERS
SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR

Winchester, Va.,

26 September 1927.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,

Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sam:

Your letters received. There is no hurry whatever about sending on the endorsements of Osborne. This matter does not come up until the first of next March.

I am so sorry that Mrs. Ferguson has not been well. We will certainly look forward to the pleasure of having you both visit us at the mansion next winter. Mrs. Byrd would like so much to have her.

I have a number of matters to talk to you about. Write me about any matters requiring attention.

With respect to your apples I would suggest that you write to C. C. Hess & Co., 253 Washington St., New York. You might also write to L. Van Bokkelen, 361 Washington St., New York. Lester Arnold will also mention this to the apple buyers as they come into the office. Apples should be valuable this year as the crop is greatly reduced.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

H. F. Byrd

Letter from Margaret Loving to Mr. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260320.55
Date: 1927-09-26
Author: Loving, Margaret
Recipient: Ferguson, Mr.

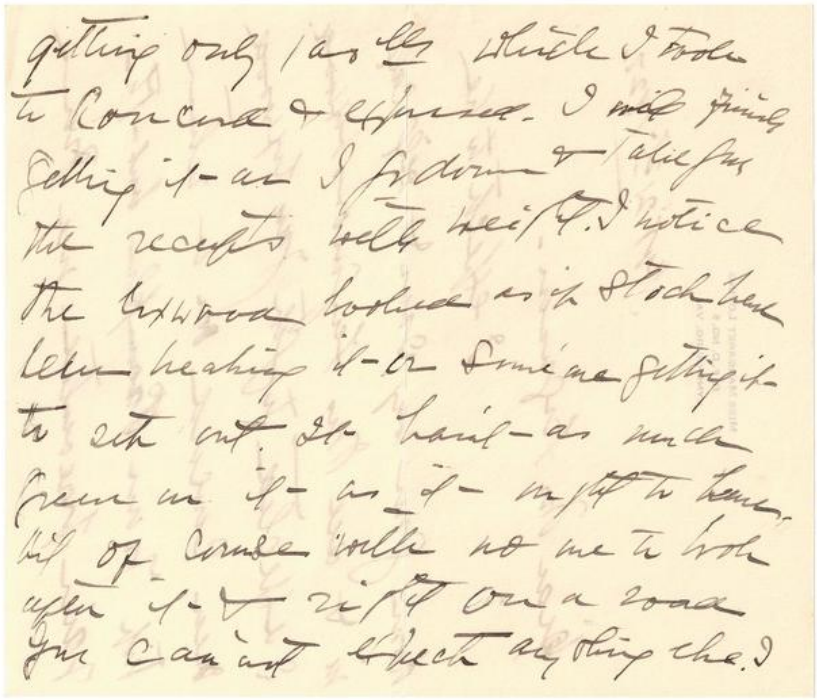
Scope and Content:
Handwritten letter from Margaret Loving to Mr. Ferguson. Loving states that she expects to be home from a visit and will call on Mrs. Ferguson the next day. She also mentions that she had intended to stop for Mr. Ferguson's boxwood on her return trip from Franklin but was prevented by rain.

MISS MARGARET LOVING
R. F. D. NO. 5
LYNCHBURG, VA.

Nov 21st 1927

Dear Mr Ferguson -

I expect to be down your way soon & will call in & see Mrs Ferguson's boxwood. I expected to get your boxwood near Concord on a return trip from Franklin but the rain prevented me from



getting only 1 as lbs which I took
to Concord & expressed. I will finish
getting it as I go down & take for
the receipts with weight. I notice
the Exwood looked as if stock had
been heaking it or some one getting it
to sell out. It hasn't as much
green on it as it might to have.
But of course with no one to look
after it & right on a road
you can't expect anything else. I

Letter from Governor Harry Flood Byrd to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.1
Date: 1927-09-27
Author: Byrd, Harry Flood, 1887-1966
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from Governor Harry Flood Byrd, writing from Winchester, to Hon. S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox, Virginia. The letter concerns the sale of Ferguson's apples. Byrd provides a business lead, mentioning he spoke with Mr. J. H. Morris of Jennings Bros. & Easter of Roanoke, who are paying $5.00 for No. 1, 2 1/4 inch and up Winesap apples. Byrd suggests Ferguson contact the company but asks that his own name not be mentioned. He notes that while the company is reliable, they suffered severe losses the previous year and advises Ferguson to secure payment before shipping any apples.

HARRY FLOOD BYRD
GOVERNOR

Commonwealth of Virginia

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RICHMOND

PETER SAUNDERS
SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR
VIOLET E. MC DOUGALL
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Winchester, Va.,
27 Sept. 1927.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,

Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sam:

In regard to selling your apples I spoke to Mr. J. H. Morris, of Jennings Bros. & Easter, of Roanoke, Va. They are paying $5.00 for No. 1 2¼ in. up Winesaps. They said they would have some one from their Roanoke office come to see you. I would suggest you write them. Do not mention my name but while these people are reliable they suffered severe losses last year and I would get my money before the apples are shipped in the event you make a sale.

Sincerely,

Harry

Letter from W. F. Culbert & Sons to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.18
Date: 1927-09-27
Author: W. F. Culbert & Sons
Recipient: S. L. Ferguson

Scope and Content:
A typed letter from W. F. Culbert & Sons, producers of agricultural limestone and crushed stone in Marion, Virginia, to S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox, Virginia. The company expresses disappointment that they have not yet received an order for ground limestone, noting that the "rush season is now on." They ask for the order details as soon as possible. The letter also confirms a freight rate of $1.20 per ton to Appomattox and their own price of $2.00 per ton FOB.

D. C. CULBERT W. F. CULBERT G. T. CULBERT

W. F. CULBERT & SONS

PRODUCERS OF

AGRICULTURAL LIMESTONE
CHEMICAL STONE, BALLAST
AND CRUSHED STONE

PROPERTIES
VIRGINIA & FLORIDA

PURCHASERS & DEVELOPERS
OF MINERAL LANDS

HOME OFFICE

MARION, VIRGINIA

September 27th, 1927.

Mr. S.L.Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sir:

We have been dissapointed in not receiving your order for ground limestone. The rush season is now on and we hope that if you expect to favor us with your orders that you will advise us as soon as possible as to amount we may ship and shipping date.

We note that the freight rate quoted you was $1.20 per ton on car load to Appomattox. Our price is $2.00 per ton FOB here.

Yours very truly,

W.F.CULBERT & SONS

Letter from Governor Harry Flood Byrd to Senator S. L. Ferguson regarding Virginia's advertising campaign

Item ID: MSL-20260104.84

Date: 1927-09-29

Author: Byrd, Harry Flood, 1887-1966

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:

Typed letter from Governor Harry Flood Byrd to State Senator S. L. Ferguson concerning a $50,000 appropriation for advertising the state of Virginia. Byrd details the first expenditure of $10,000 for advertisements in various national newspapers and magazines, including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Saturday Evening Post, to promote industrial development. He mentions a significant investment by the Allied Chemical Company as a key point for attracting other businesses and solicits suggestions from Ferguson for future expenditures by the State Commission on Conservation and Development.

HARRY FLOOD BYRD
GOVERNOR

Commonwealth of Virginia

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RICHMOND

PETER SAUNDERS
SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR
VIOLET E. MC DOUGALL
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

September 29, 1927.

Senator S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sam:

By reason of the appropriation made by the last General Assembly of $50,000 for the biennium for the purpose of advertising Virginia, I am advising you of the action taken by the State Commission on Conservation and Development with respect to the first advertising to be issued.

Copy of the initial advertisement, which will appear in the New York Times on September 29th, is enclosed. It will later appear in the New York Herald-Tribune, Wall Street Journal, Chicago Tribune, United States Daily, St. Louis Globe Democrat, Detroit Free Press, Boston Transcript, Saturday Evening Post, Literary Digest, Forbes Magazine, Nation's Business, and Manufacturers Record. These publications have a total circulation of approximately 7,000,000, of which 5,000,000 is in magazines and 2,000,000 in newspapers.

The cost of this is $10,000. So far this is the only expenditure which has been made. Future expenditures are being carefully planned so as to obtain the maximum results.

I am giving you this information because of your interest in the matter, and the great possibilities it has for the development of Virginia. I will be very glad indeed to have suggestions from you with respect to the expenditure of this fund, and I will pass them on to the Commission on Conservation and Development.

It is very easy to waste money on advertising, as you know. The Commission on Conservation has wisely refrained from starting this campaign until after a most careful and thorough investigation. The Commission is now carefully considering the future of our advertising campaign, and will endeavor to secure a maximum of benefit from a minimum of expenditure.

The enormous investment to be made in Virginia by the Allied Chemical Company is most significant for the future industrial progress of the State, and publication of the fact is certain to attract other in-

dustries to the State. Virginia has an opportunity to make great development by inviting new industries and new residents through reasonable taxation and a hospitable attitude. We should realize that every dollar of taxable value created in Virginia by the establishment of industrial plants reduces the tax burden upon values now existing and aids in the prosperity of the State through the distribution of wages and expenditures for capital investment. Not only are splendid industrial opportunities offered in the cities but in the small towns in Virginia where excellent labor and other favorable conditions present exceptional industrial possibilities.

Your cooperation in this movement for the upbuilding of the Commonwealth is greatly appreciated, and your counsel and advice is at all times welcomed.

With very best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Governor.

Letter from A.B. Dickinson to J.L. Ferguson

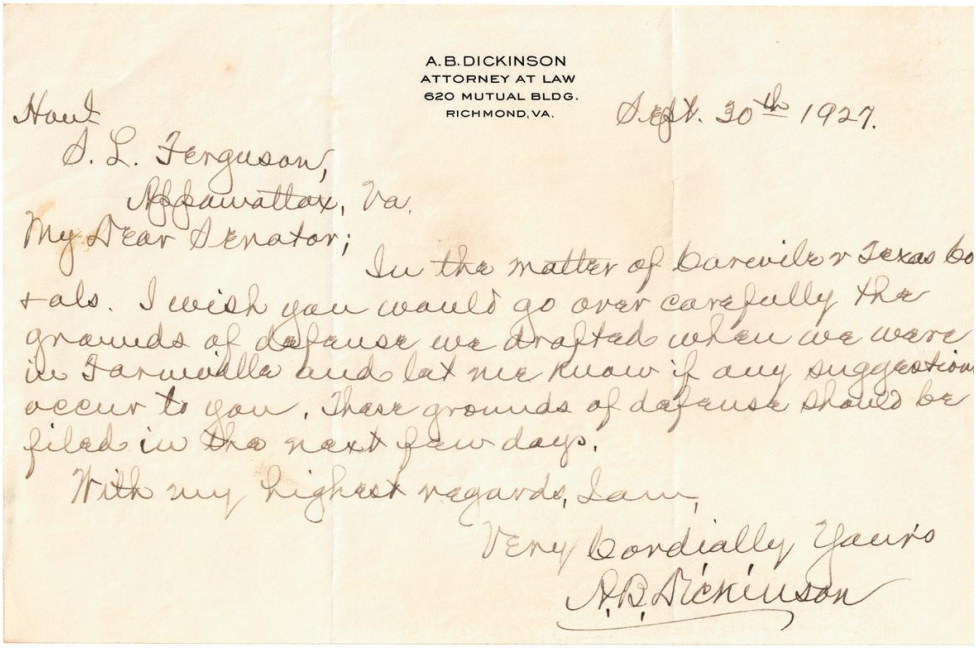
Item ID: MSL-20260320.52

Date: 1927-09-30

Author: Dickinson, A. B.

Recipient: Ferguson, J. L.

Scope and Content:
Handwritten letter from A.B. Dickinson, an attorney in Richmond, Virginia, to Senator J.L. Ferguson in Appomattox, Virginia. Dickinson requests that Ferguson review the drafted grounds of defense for a legal matter concerning "barevilor Texas bonds." He mentions that the defense was drafted when they were in Farmville and that it needs to be filed within a few days.



A. B. DICKINSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
620 MUTUAL BLDG.
RICHMOND, VA.

Sept. 30th 1927.

Hon.
S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

My Dear Senator;

In the matter of Farmville v Texas Co
+als. I wish you would go over carefully the
grounds of defense we drafted when we were
in Farmville and let me know if any suggestion
occur to you. Thse grounds of defense should be
filed in the next few days.

With my highest regards, I am,

Very Cordially Yours
A. B. Dickinson

Letter from A.B. Davies to Senator S.L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.12
Date: 1927-10-01
Author: Davies, A. B.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Letter from A.B. Davies in Clifton Forge, Virginia, to Senator S.L. Ferguson in Appomattox, Virginia. Davies thanks Ferguson for his loyalty and discusses his efforts to secure votes from fellow senators for an upcoming election or appointment. He lists the senators who have confirmed their support, those who have not yet responded, and expresses his confidence in having a majority. He mentions soliciting support during an extra session at the time Dr. Henning announced his candidacy. Davies also mentions receiving favorable letters from new nominees Mr. Wright, Reid, Gilliam, and Staples, and asks Ferguson to put in a good word with the uncommitted senators.

Commonwealth of Virginia
Senate Chamber
Richmond

A. B. DAVIES
CLIFTON FORGE, VA.

Clifton Forge, Va.
October 1st. 1927.

Hon. S.L.Ferguson,
Appomattox Va.

Dear Senator Ferguson:-

Your letter of the 29th. of Sept. 1927 was received together with letter from Dr.F.S.Johns to you and a copy of your reply to him,all of which I am returning to you as requested.

It is doubtful if you realize how much I appreciate your loyalty and your kindness to me. I could not refrain from showing your correspondence to my wife and children and bind them to you,as well as myself. never to let an opportunity escape them to do you a kindness and I have their assurance. You may always remember that the entire Davies family are with you always and under all circumstances.

I feel that I have a good majority of the Senators,if not all of them,

As you know I solicited the support of all of them at the extra session and obtained their promise and I also wrote each of them at the time Dr. Henning announced his candidacy, reminded them of their promise and I have had reply's from about 17 or 18 confirming their promise. I have had no request to be relieved from the promise and I have a right to assume that the others are with me. Among the ones who promptly answered and reassured me of there support were: Sen. Ball,Barron, Booker,Conner,East,Garrett,Holt,Layman, Vaughan,Wickham,yourself and several others I cannot recall.I also have the assurance from J.E.Henley that he has the promise of Sen. Daughty,Lassner and others for me. I had no reply from Senators Buchanan,Holladay,Jeffreys,Kendig,Stubbs,Thompson, Smith,Swank or Woodson,but have right to fully depend on them as they promised me and have not asked to be relieved. Ofcourse I feel that Sen. Kendig will support my apponant. With this you can see that I have right to fully depend on my election. I feel very sure of several of these who have not answered as they are personally very friendly to me and I feel that they do not think it necessary to reaffirm their promise.

I have also received very favorable letters from the new nominee's: Mr. Wright,Reid,Gilliam and Staples but would appreciate a word from you to them and the other Senators who have not answered me, if I am not asking too much of you.

Letter from H. B. Chermside to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.20
Date: 1927-10-04
Author: Chermside, H. B.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Letter from H. B. Chermside, Clerk of Charlotte County, to State Senator S. L. Ferguson, requesting his help in persuading Mr. Shirley and the Highway Commission to put gravel and tar on a four-mile stretch of road from the Courthouse to near Drakes Branch. Chermside emphasizes the road's importance as a main artery for farmers from Charlotte, Prince Edward, and Appomattox to transport their tobacco, and the urgency of completing the work before winter.

Charlotte County Clerk's Office
Charlotte C. H., Va.

HON. ROBT. F. HUTCHESON, JUDGE

H. B. CHERMSIDE, CLERK
MISS RUTH GRIFFETH, DEPUTY CLERK

Oct.4th,1927

Hon.S.L.Ferguson,

Appomattox, Va.

Dear Senator Ferguson:

As usual we people in Charlotte want you to help us. The four miles of road from the Courthouse to a point near Drakes Branch which, ~~xxxxx~~ through your good offices, was made part of the Highway System, has been graded and is now being maintained bythe Commission. We are all extremely anxious to have the Commission put gravel and tar on this road before the bad weather sets in. As you probably realize, this road is the main artery from the upper part of Charlotte and from parts of Prince Ed ward and Appomattox over which the farmers take their tobacco to Drakes Branch. It will have to bear a tremendous traffic during the bad weather, and it would be a great thing for us if we could only get gravel and tar put on it before Winter sets in. As you know Drakes is on the Southern, so that the haul of the gravel would be easy.

Of you can use your persuasive powers on Mr.Shirley and get him to do this for us, it would be a great thing for Charlotte.

Thanking you for anything you may be able to do for us and with every good wish, I am,

Sincerely your friend,

H B Chermside

Letter from H. B. Chermside to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.19
Date: 1927-10-07
Author: Chermside, H. B.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from H. B. Chermside, Clerk of Charlotte County, to State Senator S. L. Ferguson. Chermside thanks Ferguson for a recent letter and expresses confidence that Ferguson will get results concerning a road project. Chermside mentions that Kent Early is traveling to Richmond and will meet with Ferguson to explain the importance of the work to a Mr. Shirley before winter. Chermside also states he is going to Drakes Branch to share Ferguson's letter with people there.

Charlotte County Clerk's Office
Charlotte C. H., Va.

HON. ROBT. F. HUTCHESON, JUDGE

H. B. CHERMSIDE, CLERK
MISS RUTH GRIFFETH, DEPUTY CLERK

Oct. 7th, 1927.

Hon. S L. Ferguson,

Appomattox, Va.

Dear Senator:

I thank you so much for your letter of the 6th inst., which is like yourself; I feel sure you will get some results for us about this road. Kent Early is going to Richmond this A.M and I have suggested that he see you and perhaps you and he together can explain to Mr. Shirley the importance of this work before the Winter sets in.

I am going to Drakes Branch this A.M. with your letter as I want those folks there to see it.

With best wishes,

Your friend,

H B Chermside

Letter from E. R. Combs, Industrial Commission of Virginia, to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.13
Date: 1927-10-10
Author: Combs, E. R.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Letter from E. R. Combs to Senator S. L. Ferguson thanking him for his letter of October 4th, which expressed approval of Governor Byrd's action in naming Combs as Comptroller for the state. Combs states he would be glad to receive Ferguson's suggestions and advice regarding the organization and conduct of the new office.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

OFFICE OF

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

RICHMOND

BOLLING H. HANDY, CHAIRMAN
C. G. KIZER
PARKE P. DEANS
W. F. BURSEY, SECRETARY

October 10th,
1-9-2-7.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Virginia.

Dear Senator Ferguson :-

I greatly appreciate your letter of October 4th in which you express your approval of Governor Byrd's action in naming me Comptroller for the State.

I shall, at all times, be glad to have the benefit of your suggestions and advice with reference to the organization and conduct of this new and important office.

With regards and good wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

E. R. Combs.

ERC:va

Letter from J. W. Childes to Senator S. L. Ferguson with an invoice from Coleman & Bradley

Item ID: MSL-20260320.50

Date: 1927-10-10

Author: Childes, J. W.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L., Senator

Scope and Content:
A handwritten letter from J. W. Childes in Vera, Virginia, to Senator S. L. Ferguson in Appomattox, Virginia, dated October 10, 1927. In the letter, Childes returns a previous letter at Ferguson's request and thanks him for his kindness. The item also includes a printed invoice from Coleman & Bradley, a printing company in Lynchburg, Virginia, made out to Mr. S. L. Ferguson. The invoice, dated September 30, 1927, is for 5,000 envelopes and 5,000 printed letterheads.

COLEMAN & BRADLEY

PHONE 576-W

COMMERCIAL PRINTING

Letter Heads, Bill Heads, Note Heads, Statements, Business Cards, Envelopes, Etc.

P. O. BOX 127

ODD FELLOWS TEMPLE

LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

Sept. 30/ 27

Sold to Mr. S. L. Ferguson
Appomattox, Va

5000 Envelopes	12.00
Printing 5000 Letter heads	6.00

Above are all ready for you advise if shall ship or will you have some one call

Vera Va
Oct 10. 1927

Senator, S. L. Ferguson.
Appomattox Va

Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will find Reference to yours of the 4th, which I am returning at your request.

Please except my thanks for your kindness,

Your friend
J. W. Childers

Letter from W. S. Battle, Jr. to Hon. S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.25
Date: 1927-10-13
Author: Battle, W. S., Jr.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Letter from W. S. Battle, Jr., Vice President of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, to Senator S. L. Ferguson. Battle responds to Ferguson's letters of August 29th and October 11th, apologizing for his delay and his inability to visit Appomattox. He invites Ferguson and a Colonel Flood to meet him in Roanoke on Wednesday, the 19th. Battle states that he is no longer involved with claim matters but has arranged for his successor, Mr. Baskerville (General Claim Agent), to be present for the meeting.

SUBJECT:

NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

OFFICE OF

VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF VALUATION, REAL ESTATE AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

W. S. BATTLE, JR.

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, October 13 1927 A

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,

Appomattox, Va.

My dear Senator:

Your letters of August 29th and October 11th:

I have made a great many efforts to get to Appomattox because I wanted to see your town as well as to see you personally, but just as something has always prevented my curing my bachelorhood, such as you mentioned, something has always prevented my trip to Appomattox.

I expect to be here all next week, having just gotten back day before yesterday, and I should be delighted to see you and Colonel Flood if you can come up Wednesday, the 19th. Let me know what time you are coming so I can have as much open time as possible.

Claim matters are something which I now have nothing to do with as I was relieved of that bondage last October, but I have arranged for Mr. Baskerville, who succeeded me as General Claim Agent, to be on hand.

With kind regards and looking forward to seeing you and apologizing for my dilatoriness, I am,

Yours very truly,

Letter to A. H. Clement

Item ID: MSL-20260104.47
Date: 1927-10-17
Author: —
Recipient: Clement, A. H.

Scope and Content:
A letter from an unidentified author to A. H. Clement in Appomattox, Virginia. The author states that due to recent developments, they must discontinue negotiations for the purchase of Clement's paper and plant and are no longer interested.

October 17th 1927

Mr.A.H.Clement
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Mr. Clement:

Since our last conference in reference to the purchase of your paper and plant at Appomattox some matters have transpired which make it necessary for me to discontinue further negotiations.

Our discussions were conducted in a spirit of frankness and fairness, and for that reason I feel that I should let you know that I am no longer interested.

With best wishes I am

Very truly yours

Letter from Allen Cucullu to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.16

Date: 1927-10-18

Author: Cucullu, Allen

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L., Senator

Scope and Content:
Typed letter on The Lynchburg National Bank letterhead from Allen Cucullu to Senator S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox, Virginia. Cucullu thanks Senator Ferguson for a gift of a box of Grimes Golden Apples.

ESTABLISHED 1865

THE LYNCHBURG NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL $1,000,000 SURPLUS $700,000.00
UNITED STATES DEPOSITARY

LYNCHBURG, VA.

WM. V. WILSON, JR., PRESIDENT
ALLEN CUCULLU, VICE PRESIDENT
GILES H. MILLER, VICE PRESIDENT & CASHIER
B. F. COUSINS, ASST. CASHIER
GRANVILLE R. LEWIS, JR., ASST. CASHIER

October 18, 1927

Senator S. L. Ferguson

Appomattox, Virginia

My dear Senator Ferguson:

I am very much obliged to you indeed for the box of Grimes Golden Apples which were delivered to me today. They are certainly very nice and I know we will all enjoy them up at the house.

Assuring you that I appreciate your thoughtfullness in the matter and with very kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,

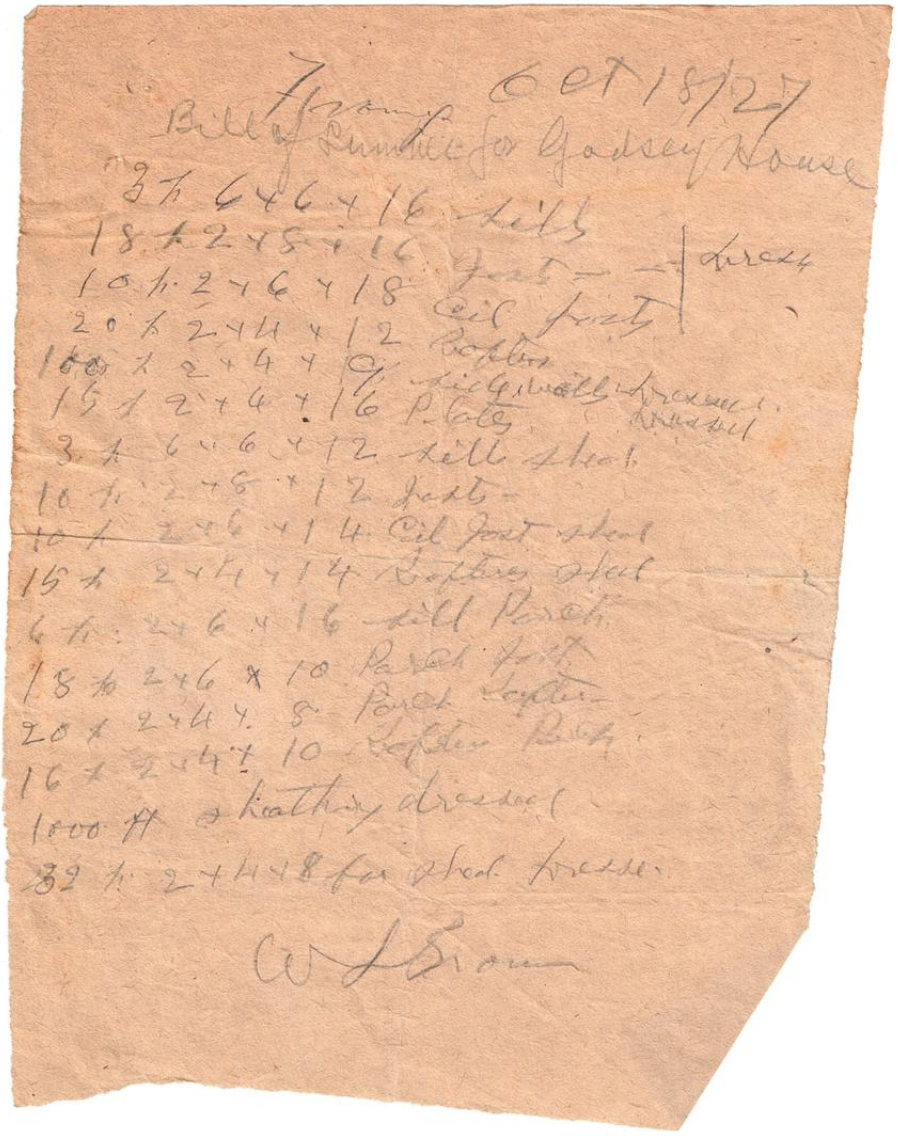
Allen Cucullu

AC M

Bill of Lumber for Godsey House

Item ID: MSL-20260320.54
Date: 1927-10-18
Author: Brown, W. F.
Recipient: Godsey

Scope and Content:
Handwritten bill of materials listing quantities and dimensions of lumber for the construction of the Godsey House. The list includes sills, joists, plates, studs, rafters for the main house, porch, and shed trusses, as well as 1000 ft of dressed sheathing. The document is signed 'W F Brown'.



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Bill of Lumber for Godsey House

3 p 6 x 6 x 16 sills
18 p 2 x 8 x 16 Joists — | dress
10 p 2 x 6 x 18 Ceil Joists
20 p 2 x 4 x 12 Rafters
100 p 2 x 4 x 9 side walls dressed
15 p 2 x 4 x 16 Plates dressed
3 p 6 x 6 x 12 sill shed
10 p 2 x 8 x 12 Joists
10 p 2 x 6 x 14 Ceil Joist shed
15 p 2 x 4 x 14 Rafters shed
6 p 2 x 6 x 16 sill Porch
18 p 2 x 6 x 10 Porch Joist
20 p 2 x 4 x 8 Porch Rafter
16 p 2 x 4 x 10 Rafter Porch
1000 ft sheathing dressed
32 p 2 x 4 x 8 for shed dresse

W L Brown

Bill of Lumber for Godsey House

Item ID: MSL-20260320.1
Date: 1927-10-19
Author: Lewis, C. E.; Freeman, S. P.
Recipient: —

Scope and Content:
A typed and handwritten bill of materials for lumber needed for the construction of the Godsey House. The list includes quantities, dimensions, and types of wood such as sills, joists, rafters, and sheeting. Handwritten annotations throughout the document include checkmarks, calculations of board feet for each line item (totaling 3,834), and cost information, including a figure of $1800. Notable handwritten notes include "C E Lewis / copy of bill" at the top, and "S. P. Freeman, Alorton / Rec'd of Kane Ford 1000 ft 4/4 Boards" on the side.

O E Lewis
Copy of bill

October 18, 1927

BILL OF LUMBER FOR GODSEY HOUSE:

3 pieces	6 x 6 x 16	Sills	
18 "	2 x 8 x 16	Joist ~~dressed~~	
10 "	2 x 6 x 18	ceiling joist dressed	
20 "	2 x 4 x 12	Rafters	
100 "	2 x 4 x 9	Side wall dressed	
15 "	2 x 4 x 16	Plate ~~dressed~~	
3 "	6 x 6 x 12	Sill shed	
10 "	2 x 8 x 12	Joist	
10 "	2 x 6 x 14	Ceiling Joist shed	
15 "	2 x 4 x 14	Rafting shed	
6 "	2 x 6 x 16	Sill porch	
18 "	2 x 6 x 10	Porch Joists	
20 "	2 x 4 x 8	Porch Rafters	
16 "	2 x 4 x 10	Rafters Porch	
1000 ft.	Sheeting ~~dressed~~		
32 pieces	2 x 4 x 8	for shed dressed.	

S P Ferguson
Buckhorn Stock
1000 ft good 4/4 Boards

144
384
180
160
666 600
160
108
160
140
140
96
180
106
106
1000
170
3834
66
3900

4834
108
4942 ft

$18.00

Construction Co.
1000 ft 2 x 4 - 10 to 16 ft
1000 ft 2 x 6 - 10 to 16 ft

90
3834
66
3900

Letter from W. S. Battle, Jr. to A. S. Payne

Item ID: MSL-20260320.11
Date: 1927-10-20
Author: Battle, W. S., Jr.
Recipient: Payne, A. S.

Scope and Content:
Letter from W. S. Battle, Jr., Vice-President, to A. S. Payne, Superintendent, regarding a call from Senator S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox. Senator Ferguson wishes to discuss several matters with the Railway Company, including the closing of two private crossings on his property, the loading of wood at Phoebe, and the filling of a basement at Appomattox. Battle instructs Payne to visit the Senator and be of service, noting that a copy of the letter was sent to Ferguson.

October 20th, 1927. A

Mr.A.S.Payne,

Superintendent.

Dear Sir:

I had a call yesterday from Senator S. L. Ferguson, of Appomattox. He has several matters which he wishes to discuss with the Railway Company, among them the closing of two private crossings on property which he owns, loading of some wood at Phoebe and the filling of a basement at Appomattox.

I don't have to say to you that Senator Ferguson has always been active and energetic in the interest of the Railway Company, and I hope you will take an early opportunity to call to see him at Appomattox, letting him know when you can be there. Of course I know you will be of any service you consistently can to him.

Yours very truly,

W. S. Battle, Jr.

Vice-President.

Copy to Senator Ferguson.

Letter from B. P. Eggleston to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260320.2

Date: 1927-10-20

Author: Eggleston, B. P.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L. (Samuel Lewis), 1870-1940

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from B. P. Eggleston of B. P. Eggleston & Company, a leaf tobacco dealer in Drakes Branch, Virginia, to Virginia State Senator S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox. Eggleston writes to dispel a rumor that he was urged by friends to run against Ferguson in a recent election. He assures the senator that he never considered running, values their friendship, and offers his continued support. He mentions speaking with a Mr. Osborne, a Mr. Adams, and a Chermside to clarify his position.

D. Q. EGGLESTON REVENUE NO. D. 226 C.D. VA. ESTABLISHED 1892

B. P. EGGLESTON & COMPANY
DEALERS AND REHANDLERS IN
LEAF TOBACCO

DRAKES BRANCH. VA., U. S. A.

Oct. 20th, 1927.

Senator S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Senator:-

I have heard from several sorces that the impression nas been left tnat some of my friends urged me to run against you in tne recent election and tnat you feel tnat tnis was done.

As I want no misunderstanding relative to this and tnat you may nave the correct version of it I will say tnat tne only urging tnat came to me was from your county and tne otner two but none from my own county and friends. I asked none tneir opinion on tne subject but as a good friend and one that I love and respect to tne fullest I did go to see Chermside and told him all that had been done and that he could write you exactly wnat I told him, sum and substance of which, was tnat you snould not worry one minute as I had no idea of runing against you.

I never once considered it seriously but as it had been brought to my attention I did tell Mr. Osborne about it and told him I had no idea of runing and he stated he was glad for several reasons. Tne same was told Mr. Adams and he too took it in tne same light tnat I nad and tnat was tnat I nad no idea of making any such race, and it was never discussed any more one way or tne otner.

Please understand me tnat I am not making any excuse but simply to give you tne correct information. You recall tnat I went over this witn you and I tnougnt you understood exactly my position in tne matter. I have never done one thing to hurt you in any way as I have always considered you a good friend of mine and I assure you tnat I certainly am a friend of yours, which you snould know witnout my telling you.

You have assisted me in everything tnat I nave asked you and I do not nesitate to call on you at anytime. With kindest regards, and assuring you tnat I am glad to assist you in any way tnat I can.

Yours sincerely,

B. P. Eggleston

Letter from W. A. Cox, Director of the State Port Authority of Virginia, to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.63

Date: 1927-10-22

Author: Cox, W. A.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L. (Samuel Lewis)

Scope and Content:

Letter from W. A. Cox, Director of the Port, to Senator S. L. Ferguson. Cox, writing on behalf of the State Port Authority of Virginia, discusses efforts to develop Virginia's ports. He notes that while export tonnage through Hampton Roads exceeded that of New York in the previous fiscal year, imports are weak. He asks Ferguson to identify any constituents interested in imports or exports, particularly those using non-Virginia ports, so the Authority can encourage them to use Virginia's facilities for the Commonwealth's benefit. He also mentions that a Hampton Roads Port Area map is being sent separately.

HAMPTON ROADS PORT AREA

PORTS OF
NEWPORT NEWS AND NORFOLK

The State Port Authority of Virginia

OFFICES: LAW BUILDING
TELEPHONE 23229
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

PORT COMMISSIONERS
J. GORDON BOHANNAN, CHAIRMAN
PETERSBURG, VA.
J. SCOTT PARRISH, VICE CHAIRMAN
RICHMOND, VA.
HENRY G. BARBEE, TREASURER
NORFOLK, VA.
P. W. HIDEN, NEWPORT NEWS, VA.
MARSHALL L. KING, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

W. A. COX
DIRECTOR OF THE PORT

October 22, 1927

File C-5145

Honorable S. L. Ferguson, Senator
Appomattox County
Appomattox, Virginia

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

As a member of the General Assembly, which brought into being The State Port Authority of Virginia, we believe you will be interested in receiving a copy of the recently issued HAMPTON ROADS PORT AREA MAP, which we are sending you, under separate cover.

The endeavors of this Commission are, of course, not only to build up the ports on Hampton Roads, but to assist in the development of any and all of the port possibilities on any of the tidal waters of Virginia, that the entire State may profit thereby.

If you are not aware of it, the export tonnage through Hampton Roads, during the last fiscal year, was greater than through the port of New York. But, we are woefully weak, when it comes to Imports.

Is there any one, whom you know, in your district, who is interested in imports or exports, but through ports other than Virginia's?

We are anxious to assist in making it worth while for them to use Virginia's ports, for their own and the Commonwealth's benefit.

Comment from you will be much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Cox,
Director of the Port.

WAC/s

The State Port Authority of Virginia

OFFICES: LAW BUILDING
TELEPHONE 23224
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

W. A. COX
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WAC/s

Letter from Governor Harry F. Byrd to Senator S. L. Ferguson regarding coordination of state and county road authorities

Item ID: MSL-20260104.65

Date: 1927-10-26

Author: Byrd, Harry Flood, 1887-1966

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L. (Samuel Lewis), 1878-1964

Scope and Content:

Typed letter from Virginia Governor Harry F. Byrd to State Senator S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox. The letter addresses the need to coordinate the work of the State and County road authorities. Byrd states that the State highway system comprises 5,244 miles, while the total road mileage is 59,000 miles, and that divided responsibility for road maintenance is ineffective. He invites Senator Ferguson to a meeting in Farmville on November 12, 1927, to discuss the matter with members of the boards of supervisors, county officials, and citizens from twenty-three central Virginia counties. The letter lists the invited counties and assures that the state does not wish to interfere in local road affairs but to help create a more efficient administration.

HARRY FLOOD BYRD
GOVERNOR

Commonwealth of Virginia

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RICHMOND

PETER SAUNDERS
SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR
VIOLET E. McDOUGALL
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

October 26, 1927.

Senator S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Senator Ferguson:

For some time the chairman of the State Highway Commission, Mr. Henry G. Shirley, and I have been considering ways and means to co-ordinate more closely the work of the State and County road authorities.

The State highway system comprises 5244 miles. The total road mileage of the State is 59,000 miles. The State highway system is being increased by 260 miles each year. Each particular road must, of course, be maintained and constructed solely by either the state or the county. Divided responsibility would be ineffective and result in much confusion.

That the program of closer co-operation with the county authorities may be started I have called a meeting at Farmville at 1 P. M. on November 12th, and to this meeting the members of the boards of supervisors, county officials, and all citizens generally of the following counties have been invited: Bedford, Franklin, Henry, Pittsylvania, Halifax, Campbell, Appomattox, Charlotte, Buckingham, Prince Edward, Cumberland, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Brunswick, Greensville, Dinwiddie, Nottoway, Amelia, Chesterfield, Fluvanna, Goochland, Powhatan and Henrico.

I am sending you this personal invitation in the hope that you can be present. In advance I want to assure you that the state has no desire to interfere in local road affairs and only to be helpful in securing a more efficient administration. After Mr. Shirley and I have explained the plans of the state administration, time will be allotted for a free discussion on the part of those present. I would be grateful to be advised by you that you will be present on that day to confer with us on this important subject.

Very cordially yours,

A. J. Byrd

PLEASE INVITE OTHER CITIZENS OF YOUR COUNTY TO ATTEND.

Commonwealth of Virginia

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RICHMOND

HARRY FLOOD BYRD
GOVERNOR

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Very cordially yours,

PLEASE INVITE OTHER CITIZENS OF YOUR COUNTY TO ATTEND.

Letter from Governor Harry Flood Byrd to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.75
Date: 1927-10-26
Author: Byrd, Harry Flood, 1887-1966
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from Virginia Governor Harry Flood Byrd to Hon. S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox, Va. Byrd thanks Ferguson for a clipping and expresses a wish that Ferguson would visit him in the next two or three weeks to spend the night, as Byrd has several matters to discuss with him.

HARRY FLOOD BYRD
GOVERNOR

Commonwealth of Virginia

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RICHMOND

PETER SAUNDERS
SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR
VIOLET E. MC DOUGALL
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

October 26, 1927.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,

Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sam:

Thanks so much for the clipping you sent me.

Some time in the next two or three weeks I wish you would come down and spend the night as I have a number of matters to talk over with you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harry.

Letter from J. H. Bell to S. L. Ferguson regarding the sterilization of Carrie Buck

Item ID: MSL-20260104.26

Date: 1927-10-28

Author: Bell, J. H. (John Hendren)

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L. (Samuel Lewis)

Scope and Content:

A letter from J. H. Bell, Superintendent of the State Colony for Epileptics and Feeble-Minded, to Virginia State Senator S. L. Ferguson. Bell thanks Ferguson for a gift of apples and informs him that Carrie Buck was sterilized a few days prior under the Virginia law. This was the first sterilization performed under that act, following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Buck v. Bell. Bell notes that the Supreme Court had denied a request for a rehearing and that a home has been found for Buck, who will leave the institution shortly.

J. H. BELL, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

STATE COLONY

FOR EPILEPTICS AND FEEBLE-MINDED

COLONY P. O., NEAR LYNCHBURG, VA.

October 28, 1927.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

My dear Senator Ferguson:

We have just received the box of Grimes Golden apples which was left at the Carroll Hotel for us. They are delicious, and Mrs. Bell and I wish to express our appreciation of your kindness and thoughtfulness in remembering us.

It might interest you to know that I sterilized Carrie Buck a few days ago under the Virginia law, the first case in this State to be operated upon under that act. You will recall that she was the girl that we used in carrying the case through the courts, so as soon as the U. S. Supreme Court denied the request for a rehearing, we proceeded with her case. I have already found a home for her and she will leave the institution in a few days.

Sincerely your friend,

J. H. Bell, M. D.,
Superintendent.

JHB:F

Letter from Governor Harry F. Byrd to Hon. S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.79

Date: 1927-10-28

Author: Byrd, Harry Flood, 1887-1966

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from Governor Harry F. Byrd to S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox, Virginia, regarding the price of Winesap apples. Byrd provides price estimates for different sizes of apples ($6.50 for 2 1/2" and up; $6.25 for 2 1/4") and mentions he will bring the matter to the attention of buyers. He also invites Ferguson to give a brief talk at a road meeting in Farmville on the 12th.

HARRY FLOOD BYRD
GOVERNOR

Commonwealth of Virginia

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RICHMOND

PETER SAUNDERS
SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR
VIOLET E. McDOUGALL
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

October 28, 1927.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,

Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sam:

I have received your letter of the 26th about your apples.

Number one Winesaps of the 2½" size and up would be worth, I think, $6.50; about $6.25 for the 2¼" size. As to the other grades, it would be difficult to give an estimate without knowing more about the quality of the apples.

I will call this to the attention of some of the buyers and I hope you will get a good price for them.

I would like you to make a brief talk at our road meeting at Farmville on the 12th. We will start at twelve o'clock for luncheon and one o'clock for the meeting.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harry

Letter from L. N. Ligon to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.33
Date: 1927-10-31
Author: Ligon, L. N.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L., Senator

Scope and Content:
A typed letter from L. N. Ligon of the Pamplin Tobacco Company to Senator S. L. Ferguson. Ligon invites the Senator and Mrs. Ferguson to supper and a play. He apologizes that the new auditorium's completion is delayed, preventing full opening exercises. Instead, he asks the Senator and a Supt. Burke to give short addresses. He mentions hoping to stage a larger community meeting later.

L. N. LIGON

T. J. LIGON

PAMPLIN TOBACCO COMPANY

REDRIERS AND PACKERS OF

LEAF TOBACCO

PAMPLIN, VA.

Oct 31st 1927.

Senator S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.,

My dear Senator;

It will be our pleasure to have you and Mrs Ferguson to supper tomorrow (Tuesday) night.at 6 o'clock and you will be our guests at the play at 8 O'clock.

We are very sorry that we have not had new auditorium completed in time to have an entire evening devoted to opening exercises, but since that has been impossible, appropriate short addresses will be made by you and Supt Burke, from 7;30 to 8.

We hope to stage a community meeting later at which time we will wnat you back again.

Expecting you and your good lady at our home tomorrow evening

Very Sincerely Yours,

L. N. Ligon

Letter from Lynchburg Milling Company to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.57
Date: 1927-11-01
Author: Acree, L. C.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
A typed letter from L. C. Acree, President of Lynchburg Milling Company, to S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox, Va. The letter acknowledges receipt of a check for $24.45 for three barrels of flour. Acree explains a recent price increase, noting that while the price was previously $7.25, it had been advanced to $7.50 on a sack basis, with flour in wood barrels being 65¢ higher. He assures Ferguson that this was the correct price on the day the flour was shipped.

L.C.ACREE, PRESIDENT

J.J.SCOTT,JR.,SECY.-TREAS.

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OUR SPECIALTY

MEMBERS { NATIONAL GRAIN ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL HAY ASSOCIATION

Lynchburg, Va. November 1, 1927.

Mr. S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sir:-

ALL MAIL QUOTATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE - ALL WIRE QUOTATIONS SUBJECT TO PROMPT WIRE ACCEPTANCE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED
ALL CONTRACTS CONTINGENT UPON ACCIDENTS AND OTHER CAUSES BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

We are in receipt of your favor of yesterday enclosing check for $24.45, for three barrels of flour in wood. We have placed this to your credit with thanks.

We note what you say about the price of the flour. Doubtless when you were talking to the writer we were selling flour at $7.25, but have since advanced the price to $7.50, sack basis, and wood is 65¢ per barrel higher.

This is exactly the price we were charging our merchants for flour the day we shipped you, and it is still this price today. Trust that this explanation will be satisfactory.

Yours very truly,
LYNCHBURF MILLING COMPANY.

Per L C Acree
President.

LCA/H

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Letter from Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station to Senator S. L. Ferguson, November 2, 1927

Item ID: MSL-20260104.82

Date: 1927-11-02

Author: —

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L., Senator

Scope and Content:
Typed letter to Senator S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox, Va., from the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station in Blacksburg, Va. The letter responds to Ferguson's inquiry about selling his apple varieties. The author suggests potential buyers, including Henry Carter in the coal fields of North Fork, W. Va., where apples are scarce. A list of produce companies and growers in Lynchburg, Roanoke, Chilhowie, and Troutville is provided. The letter concludes with estimated prices per barrel for different types of apples (Winesaps and York Imperials) based on information from Kent Apperson.

Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station

Blacksburg, Virginia
November 2, 1927.

Senator S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Senator Ferguson:

I have received your letter of the 1st instant with which you enclosed a list of the apple varieties which you now have for sale.

I think very likely you can sell all of these apples to Mr. Henry Carter, North Fork, W. Va. Mr. Carter bought apples from Kent Apperson recently and phoned a few days ago that he wanted more apples. He is in the coal fields and I understand that apples are very scarce in that section. I suggest that you get in touch with him as soon as possible.

It is possible that some one of the following men will be in a position to handle your apples:

S. S. Moon Produce Co., Lynchburg, Virginia.

F. H. Gregory, Mgr., American Brokerage Co., Roanoke, Va.

Jennings Bros. & Easter, Roanoke, Virginia.

Growers & Producers' Exchange, Roanoke, Virginia.

The following two fruit growers sometimes handle apples in addition to their own crops:

H. L. Bowham, Chilhowie, Virginia.

Garland Hopkins, Troutville, Virginia

Kent Apperson keeps fairly closely in touch with the current prices of apples. I asked him what he thought your apples should bring F.O.B. at your shipping point and his estimates are as follows:

For your state inspected No. 1 Winesaps, both sizes about $5.50 per barrell.

For your Commercial 2¼" Winesaps about $4.50 per barrell.

For your No. 1 Commercial York Imperial about $4.00 per barrell

S. L. F. #2

For your No. 1 Stayman, both sizes, about $5.50 per barrell.

For your No. 1 Ben Davis, about $3.50 per barrell.

For your apples which are not state inspected, he thinks that a fair average price for the entire lot would be around $3.50 per barrell.

Very truly yours,

A. W. Drinkard Jr.
Director

AWD:RRS

Letter from Governor Harry F. Byrd to Hon. S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260320.19

Date: 1927-11-02

Author: Byrd, Harry Flood, 1887-1966

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L. (Samuel Lewis)

Scope and Content:

Typed letter from Governor Harry F. Byrd to Hon. S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox, Virginia, concerning three constitutional amendments to be voted on in the Fall of 1927. Byrd highlights the importance of an amendment to align the state's appropriation year with the fiscal year. He also mentions two other amendments specific to Arlington County, which he describes as 'not objectionable.' The Governor requests that Ferguson write letters throughout his district to urge the adoption of these amendments and cautions against confusing them with other amendments to be voted on in 1928.

HARRY FLOOD BYRD
GOVERNOR

Commonwealth of Virginia

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RICHMOND

PETER SAUNDERS
SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR
VIOLET E. MC DOUGALL
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

November 2, 1927.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,

Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sam:

I enclose copy of a letter I am sending throughout the State with regard to the three constitutional amendments to be voted on this Fall.

The only one of these amendments of real importance is the one permitting the State to change the appropriation year so that we can have the appropriation year the same as the fiscal year.

The other two amendments are not objectionable and the people of Arlington County are very anxious for the passage of the amendment which would only apply to Arlington County at this time.

I would be most appreciative if you could write some letters throughout your District urging the adoption of these amendments. So far as I know there is no objection to them but they should not be confused with the other amendments to be voted on in the Fall of 1928.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harry Byrd

Letter from E. Thurman Boyd to Samuel Lewis Ferguson regarding the formation of the National Council of State Legislatures

Item ID: MSL-20260104.66

Date: 1927-11-03

Author: Boyd, E. Thurman

Recipient: Ferguson, Samuel Lewis

Scope and Content:

Typed letter from E. Thurman Boyd to Hon. Samuel Lewis Ferguson of Appomattox, Virginia, inviting him to a meeting to form the National Council of State Legislatures. The meeting is scheduled for November 7, 8, and 9, 1927, at the Raleigh Hotel in Washington, D.C. The letter emphasizes the historical importance of Virginia and the purpose of the new organization, which is the preservation of states' rights.

LEE SATTERWHITE, CHAIRMAN — THOMAS A. HILL, SEC'Y & TREAS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE LEGISLATURES

HEADQUARTERS
RALEIGH HOTEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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November 3, 1927.

Hon. Samuel Lewis Ferguson,
Appomattox, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

If you will glance at the original grant of Queen Elizabeth to Sir Walter Raleigh, you will see the position Virginia once occupied geographically in the early days of American history. Another glance at the present map of the United States will reveal the states to which Virginia has given birth. Turning the pages of history, you can see the leading and important part Virginia has taken to preserve the rights of her daughter and sister states.

On November 7, 8 and 9, representatives and members of state legislatures from every state in the union will gather at the Raleigh Hotel in Washington, D.C., to form an association of state legislatures for the preservation of states' rights to be known as the National Council of State Legislatures.

It is peculiarly fitting that every member of our Virginia Legislature be present on this occasion. I trust you will use every effort to be at the Raleigh Hotel, November 7, at 10:00 A.M., to participate in the formation of the National Council of State Legislatures and extend a home-like welcome to our returned sons.

Trusting you will advise me of your intention to be present, I remain

Sincerely and cordially yours,

E. Thurman Boyd

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E. Thurman Boyd,
Raleigh Hotel.

Letter from W. S. Battle, Jr. to Hon. S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.30
Date: 1927-11-04
Author: W. S. Battle, Jr.
Recipient: Hon. S. L. Ferguson

Scope and Content:
A letter from W. S. Battle, Jr., Vice President of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, to Senator S. L. Ferguson. The letter discusses the status of the "Burton & Briel matter," which is being handled by company agents, and the appointment of Dr. E. E. Walker as the local surgeon in Pamplin, Virginia. Battle also includes a personal note about his health and a hope to go hunting with Ferguson.

SUBJECT:

NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

OFFICE OF

VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF VALUATION, REAL ESTATE AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

W. S. BATTLE, JR.

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA November 4, 1927. A

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,

Appomattox, Va.

My dear Senator:

I have your letter of the 2nd:

General Claim Agent Baskerville tells me that Route Agent Huffman has the papers in the Burton & Briel matter and he will see them as soon as possible in an effort to reach some satisfactory conclusion.

Regarding the appointment of Dr. E. E. Walker at Pamplin as our local surgeon; I will take this matter up at a propitious opportunity and see what can be done.

I am feeling pretty good again and hope to be able to run down and have part of a day's hunt with you sometime this Fall.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Letter from Governor Harry Flood Byrd regarding proposed constitutional amendments

Item ID: MSL-20260320.20

Date: 1927-11-04

Author: Byrd, Harry Flood, 1887-1966

Recipient: Voters of Virginia

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from Virginia Governor Harry Flood Byrd, dated November 4, 1927, urging support for three amendments to the Constitution of Virginia to be voted on November 8th. Byrd specifically details an amendment to Section 22 to exempt the wives and widows of veterans of the 'War Between the States' (American Civil War) from the state poll tax as a prerequisite for voting. He also mentions an amendment to Section 186 to align the state's appropriation and fiscal years to simplify the accounting system.

HARRY FLOOD BYRD
GOVERNOR

Commonwealth of Virginia

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RICHMOND

PETER SAUNDERS
SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR
VIOLET E. McDOUGALL
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

November 4, 1927.

I am taking the liberty to write you with respect to certain amendments to the Constitution that will be submitted to the voters of Virginia on November 8th.

So far as I have ascertained no opposition has been voiced to any of these amendments and they should not be confused with the other amendments to the Constitution proposed at the regular session of 1926 and the extra session of 1927, which must be again acted upon by the General Assembly of 1928, and if favorably acted upon will be submitted to the voters in November, 1928.

The three amendments to be voted on this Fall did not originate in my administration but in that of my predecessor. I regard all of these amendments as important, especially the amendment to section 186 permitting the Legislature to change the appropriation year so that the appropriation year and the fiscal year may be the same. This will greatly simplify the accounting system of the State.

I am taking the liberty to write you so as to submit this matter to you in the hope that you may support these amendments.

The form of the ballot will state the effect of each of the amendments, and will be as follows:

For the amendment of Section 22 of the Constitution of Virginia, so as to exempt the wives and widows of veterans of the War Between the States from the payment of the State poll tax as a prerequisite to the right to register or vote.

"Against the amendment of Section 22 of the Constitution of Virginia, so as to exempt the wives and widows of veterans of the War Between the States from the payment of the State poll tax as a prerequisite to the right to register or vote."

Letter from A. B. Davies to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.37

Date: 1927-11-05

Author: Davies, A. B.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:

Typed letter from A. B. Davies in Clifton Forge, VA, to Senator S. L. Ferguson in Appomattox, VA. Davies reports on an investigation into a piece of property (lot 20, Block 23, Sec. 1) assessed at $15.00 with unpaid taxes, advising against purchasing it. He then discusses several political matters, including the difficult election campaigns of Henry Meeks and Senator Layman, for whom he has been campaigning. Davies also expresses confidence in his own political standing within the Senate, having secured promises of support. He lists several individuals who have not yet pledged their support (Goggin, Beaty, Buchanan, Early, Kendig, Lesner, Rogers, Smith, Thompson, Woodson) and asks for Ferguson's help in persuading them.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
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P. O. BOX 232, CLIFTON FORGE, VA.

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November 5th. 1927.

Hon. S.L.Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Senator;-

Your letter of the 2nd. instant was received and I investigated in regard to lot 20, Block 23, Sec.1 and find that it is assessed at $15.00, that it is very much on a hill side, very steep, and is ofcourse in the colored section of the town and I do not think worth very much, I would say not over $50.00 and it might be hard to get that amount. The taxes for 1926 and 1927 are unpaid amounting to 54 cents foreach year, a total of $1.08. I find no judgement, lein or deed of trust against it.

Henry Meeks is very busy with his election but I did my best in looking this up for you and feel that it is correct. I do not believe it would be worth your while to deal in the lot as I can see no great gain in it at any price.

I have been do my very best for Sen. Layman and hope to see him elected. The conditions are such that you may expect anything. He may be elected by a fair majority and he may even be defeated. We are going to fight to the bitter end. I have been over his entire district with him, have also been alone in his behalf, and have been able to do him some good but he has a hard fight.

I have done nothing more in my campaign as my time has been taken up in Layman's behalf, I will do more for myself after the election, although I feel that I have a large majority of the Senate for me as I had the promise of each of the old members before I left Richmond none of whom have asked to be relieved although I have only had about 17 or 18 to write me re-affirming their promise to me after my opponent came out. I have, however, had several promises from the newly elected nominees. So with all of the leaders of the Senate with me and altogether a small majority absolutely sure, I necessarily feel safe.

The following have not answered; Goggin of Campbell, Beaty, Buchanan, Early, Kendig, Lesner, Rogers, Smith of Louisa, Thompson, Woodson. Senator Layman has promised to write each of them after his election as well as all of the new members and I would appreciate anything you can do with the same ones.

With kindest regards and hoping to see you at the next Session, I am

Sincerily yours,

A B Davies

Letter from Governor Harry F. Byrd to Samuel L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.10

Date: 1927-11-07

Author: Byrd, Harry Flood, 1887-1966

Recipient: Ferguson, Samuel L.

Scope and Content:

Typed letter from Virginia Governor Harry F. Byrd in Richmond to Hon. Samuel L. Ferguson in Appomattox. Byrd thanks Ferguson for his letter and an article about a 'splendid mass meeting,' which he had published in the Times-Dispatch. He also expresses appreciation for a resolution passed that endorsed him.

Commonwealth of Virginia

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RICHMOND

HARRY FLOOD BYRD
GOVERNOR

PETER SAUNDERS
SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR
VIOLET E. McDOUGALL
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

November 7, 1927.

Hon. Samuel L. Ferguson,

Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sam:

I was delighted to note by your letter of your splendid mass meeting. I gave the article you sent to the Times-Dispatch and it was published in the Saturday paper.

I appreciate deeply the resolution adopted endorsing me.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harry

Letter from S. W. Layman to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.24
Date: 1927-11-10
Author: Layman, S. W.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from S. W. Layman, an attorney in New Castle, Virginia, to Senator S. L. Ferguson in Appomattox, Virginia. Layman thanks Ferguson for his letter of congratulations on his recent election victory. He expresses his pleasure at the prospect of serving in the Senate with Ferguson and offers his services.

E. W. Layman
Attorney at Law
New Castle, Virginia

Nov. 10, 1927.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
Appomatox, Va.

Dear Senator:

I thank you for your letter of gongratulations upon my victory in the present contest. I assure you it will give me great pleasure to serve in the Senate with you and my other friends, whose association I have enjoyed so much. I want to thank you for the interest you have shown in my interest, and to assure you that when I can be of service to you, you have but to call on me.

Most sincerely yours,

E. W. Layman

Letter from Governor Harry Flood Byrd to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.9

Date: 1927-11-10

Author: Byrd, Harry Flood, 1887-1966

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L. (Samuel Lewis), 1870-1941

Scope and Content:

Typed letter from Virginia Governor Harry Flood Byrd to S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox. Byrd informs Ferguson that he will be in Farmville on Saturday for a meeting. After the meeting's purpose is explained, they will call on counties for an expression of support or opinion, and Byrd asks Ferguson to speak for Appomattox. Byrd also mentions he will write to Claude Smith.

HARRY FLOOD BYRD
GOVERNOR

Commonwealth of Virginia

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RICHMOND

PETER SAUNDERS
SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR
VIOLET E. MC DOUGALL
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

November 10, 1927.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,

Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sam:

I will be in Farmville on Saturday. After the purposes of the meeting have been exp lained, we will call upon the counties for some expression. I wish then you would speak for Appomattox. I am looking forward with much pleasure to seeing you. I will write Claude Smith today.

Sincerely yours,

H F Byrd.

Letter from Robert K. Brock to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.39

Date: 1927-11-11

Author: Brock, Robert K.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from Robert K. Brock of the law firm Watkins & Brock in Farmville, Virginia, to Hon. S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox, Virginia. The letter invites Ferguson to a Regional Road Conference in Farmville on November 12, 1927. Brock details the schedule, including a luncheon for officials and a general meeting at the State Teachers College auditorium. He also seeks Ferguson's opinion on petitioning the Governor and the Highway Commission during the conference for time to discuss the completion of Route 10.

WATKINS & BROCK,
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW
FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA

November 11, 1927.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

As you know the Regional Road Conference meets in Farmville tomorrow at one o'clock, and I am expecting you ofcourse. You and your Board of Supervisors are to be guests of the Supervisors and the Lions Club here at lunch at twelve o'clock. Also the Clerk and Commonwealth's Attorney, all of whom no doubt have received invitations. Ofcourse the general public is expected to attend the meeting at one o'clock in the State Teachers College auditorium and we are looking for some six or seven hundred people, but the guests at the luncheon will be the Supervisors, members of the Legislature, Commonwealth Attorneys, Clerks, etc., from the twenty-three counties represented in this conference.

As you know this meeting is called by the Governor for the purpose of closer co-operation between the local road authorities and the Highway Commission and is not for the purpose of making allocations. I would like to have your opinion though as to the propriety of getting the Governor and the Commission to give us, say, twenty minutes, to present the matter of the completion of Route 10. We could only do this by special permission because the Governor and the Commission have their own program and it is more for local affairs than anything else.

If you get in town in time tomorrow hope you will come by the office so that we can have a little conference.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

RKB:N

Letter from Watkins & Brock to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.17
Date: 1927-11-14
Author: R. K. Brock
Recipient: S. L. Ferguson

Scope and Content:
Letter from a representative of the law firm Watkins & Brock to Hon. S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox, Virginia. The author discusses strategy for lobbying the Virginia Highway Commission to secure funding for hard surfacing a portion of Route 10 between Appomattox and Petersburg. The author mentions a recent road meeting in Farmville attended by the Governor and Highway Commission members, and plans to attend another meeting in Charlottesville to advocate for the project. The success of a similar lobbying effort for a road between Lynchburg and Danville is cited as a model.

WATKINS & BROCK,
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW
FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA

November 14, 1927.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

I hope you enjoyed the road meeting in Farmville on Saturday as much as I did. Apparently the Governor and the members of the Highway Commission, and other guests, were pleased.

Now with regard to Route 10: I have no desire to be persistent, or insistent, or in any way objectionable, or appear greedy or unreasonable, but it occurs to me that we have got to keep this proposition before the Commission constantly, and that the persistent howl that went up for the road between Lynchburg and Danville finally brought results. I think it will be well for a considerable body to go over to Charlottesville on the 8th and briefly and respectfully urge Route 10 upon the Commission. Let's at least make an indelible impression on their minds so that in future allocations at least we will come in for a substantial consideration.

It occurred to me also, and I want you to think about this, that we might ask the commission if they could not see their way clear out of the present allocations to give us five to ten miles of hard surface somewhere on Route 10, between Appomattox and Petersburg. While I would like to see it between Appomattox and Farmville I would not for a minute insist on this, but anywhere the Commission, in their wisdom, saw fit to put five to ten miles of hard surface road between Appomattox and Petersburg, would be gratefully received by me, and I believe it would go far toward assuring the people along this Route of the intention of the Highway Commission to give us hard surface as quickly as possible. Think about this and let me know what your conclusions may be.

Also advise me if you do not think that we ought to make a good showing at Charlottesville anyhow. We could make an appeal to them without in any sense criticizing what they have done, but just urging upon them the importance of this Route and let them see that we are really behind the proposition.

Sincerely yours,

RKB:N

Letter from Burton & Briel, Inc. to Senator S. L. Fergusson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.62
Date: 1927-11-16
Author: Burton, W. E.
Recipient: Fergusson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from W. E. Burton of Burton & Briel, Inc., General Commission Merchants in Richmond, Virginia, to Senator S. L. Fergusson of Appomattox, Virginia. The letter responds to an inquiry and encloses a copy of a claim filed against the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company. Burton explains that the claim amount was calculated by taking the difference between what a car of goods was sold for in good condition and the amount offered for it when it arrived in bad condition.

OUR MOTTO: SATISFACTION TO ALL

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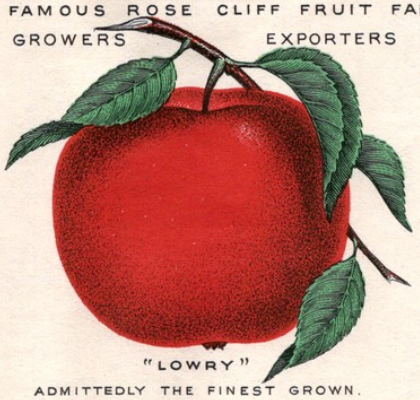

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Richmond, Va. U.S.A.
Nov. 16, 1927.

Senator S. L. Fergusson,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Senator:

Replying to yours, would state we herewith enclose you copy of claim which we filed against the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company showing their claim number as well as ours. We arrived at the amount of this claim, as the writer endeavored to explain to you when you were here, by taking the difference between what the car was sold for in good condition and the amount we were offered for it when it arrived there in bad condition.

Trusting this gives you the information desired, and assuring you we will keep right down after the Norfolk & Western at all times about it, we are

Very truly yours,

BURTON & BRIEL, Inc.

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INTERNATIONAL APPLE SHIPPERS ASSOCIATION

Letter from Governor Harry Flood Byrd to Hon. S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.80

Date: 1927-11-16

Author: Byrd, Harry Flood, 1887-1966

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:

Typewritten letter from Virginia Governor Harry Flood Byrd to Hon. S. L. Ferguson in Appomattox. Byrd confirms plans to visit Ferguson on December 5th before heading to Lynchburg. He apologizes for being unable to schedule a hunting trip due to pressing matters, but hopes to arrange it for sometime in December. He also mentions seeing Ferguson at a regional meeting in Farmville and expresses his belief that these meetings are productive. The letter includes a handwritten correction adding the word "much" and is signed "Harry."

HARRY FLOOD BYRD
GOVERNOR

Commonwealth of Virginia

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RICHMOND

PETER SAUNDERS
SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR
VIOLET E. McDOUGALL
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

November 16, 1927.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,

Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sam:

Answering your letter of the 14th unless something unforeseen happens we are looking forward to spending the night of December 5th with you. We are going to Lynchburg the next morning. We will try to arrive at your place by seven o'clock.

I am sorry at this time I cannot give any date for the hunting trip. I have so many pressing matters to attend to that I do not feel I should be away much from now on. I will do my best to arrange some time during December.

It was a great pleasure to see you at Farmville. Like you I think these regional meetings are doing a lot of good.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harry.

Letter from B. P. Eggleston & Company to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260320.3
Date: 1927-11-19
Author: Eggleston, D. Q.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from D. Q. Eggleston of B. P. Eggleston & Company, dealers in leaf tobacco in Drakes Branch, Virginia, to Senator S. L. Ferguson in Appomattox, Virginia. Eggleston thanks the senator for a letter from the 17th, which enclosed a letter from a Mr. Shirley. He expresses gratitude for the senator's 'good news' and work, discusses the possibility of meeting with Mr. Shirley, and mentions he is returning Shirley's letter.

D. Q. EGGLESTON REVENUE NO. D. 226 C.D. VA. ESTABLISHED 1892

B. P. EGGLESTON & COMPANY
DEALERS AND REHANDLERS IN
LEAF TOBACCO

DRAKES BRANCH. VA., U. S. A.

Nov. 19th, 1927.

Senator S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Senator:-

Your letter of the 17th, with Shirley's letter enclosed , was received this morning and I thank you very much for the good news and your faithful watch and work for us. This will help a great deal and we are always glad to get any help that we can.

Your idea about seeing Mr. Shirley is a good one and if it is so I can come down and meet you I will be glad to do so.

Am enclosing the letter you sent me of Mr. Shirley, and again thanking you for your good work and with best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

B. P. Eggleston

Letter from S. Pierce Loving, Cashier of the State Bank of Pamplin, to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.56

Date: 1927-11-21

Author: Loving, S. Pierce

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from S. Pierce Loving, Cashier of the State Bank of Pamplin, to S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox, Virginia. The letter discusses the settlement of a financial obligation from C. C. Sears to a Mr. Marshall. The bank reports that Sears has furnished Marshall with additional security, which Marshall finds satisfactory. The bank declines Ferguson's request to settle with a check but asks him to send all papers related to the matter, along with a statement of charges, so they can send a check for costs and fees and assume responsibility for the principal obligation.

W.B.BINFORD, PRESIDENT.
DR.F.H.LUKIN, VICE-PRES.

S.PIERCE LOVING, CASHIER.

W.R.BRIGHTWELL, ASST CASHIER.
THOS.R.PUGH, JR., ASST.CASHIER.

STATE BANK OF PAMPLIN

INCORPORATED

PAMPLIN, VA.

November 21, 1927.

Mr. S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

Replying to yours of the 18th inst. with reference to the transfer to us of the C. C. Sears obligation to Mr. Marshall, I wish to advise that we are not making a new transaction of the debt but have just gotten Sears to furnish Mr. Marshall with additional security and which Mr. Marshall advises is a very satisfactory settlement of the matter. Therefore, we would prefer not to by our check in full settlement as you request, but would like for you to send us all papers and we will send you check for costs, fees, etc. and at the same time will be responsible to you for the principal obligation.

If this will be satisfactory with you I will appreciate it if you will let the papers in the matter come forward as soon as convenient with statement of charges, etc. for which I will let you have check.

With best wishes and regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

S. P. Loving

Cashier.

Letter from H. M. Davis to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260320.47
Date: 1927-11-21
Author: Davis, H. M.
Recipient: Ferguson, Samuel L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from H. M. Davis, Collector of City Taxes for Lynchburg, Virginia, to State Senator Samuel L. Ferguson. Davis thanks Ferguson for permission to hunt on his land the previous Saturday and apologizes for not visiting him afterwards, explaining he had a prior supper engagement.

CITY OF LYNCHBURG
VIRGINIA

H. M. DAVIS
COLLECTOR

OFFICE OF COLLECTOR OF CITY TAXES

November 21, 1927

Sen. S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Senator:

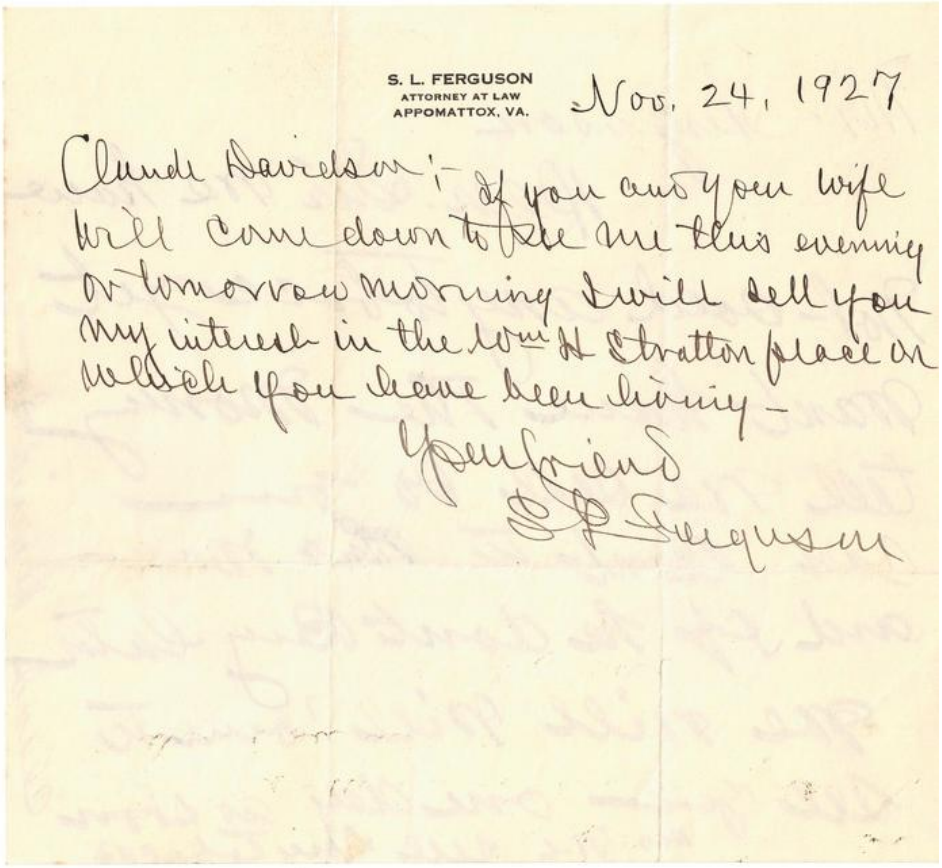
I hope you will pardon me for not calling by your office and thanking you for permitting us to hunt on your land last Saturday, but I was most anxious to to get back home as early as possible as we had some friends in for a supper engagement, and I knew that if I went by your office to see you that you would not let me leave your home without breaking bread with you.

Thanking you again, I am

Yours truly,

H M Davis

HMD/RR

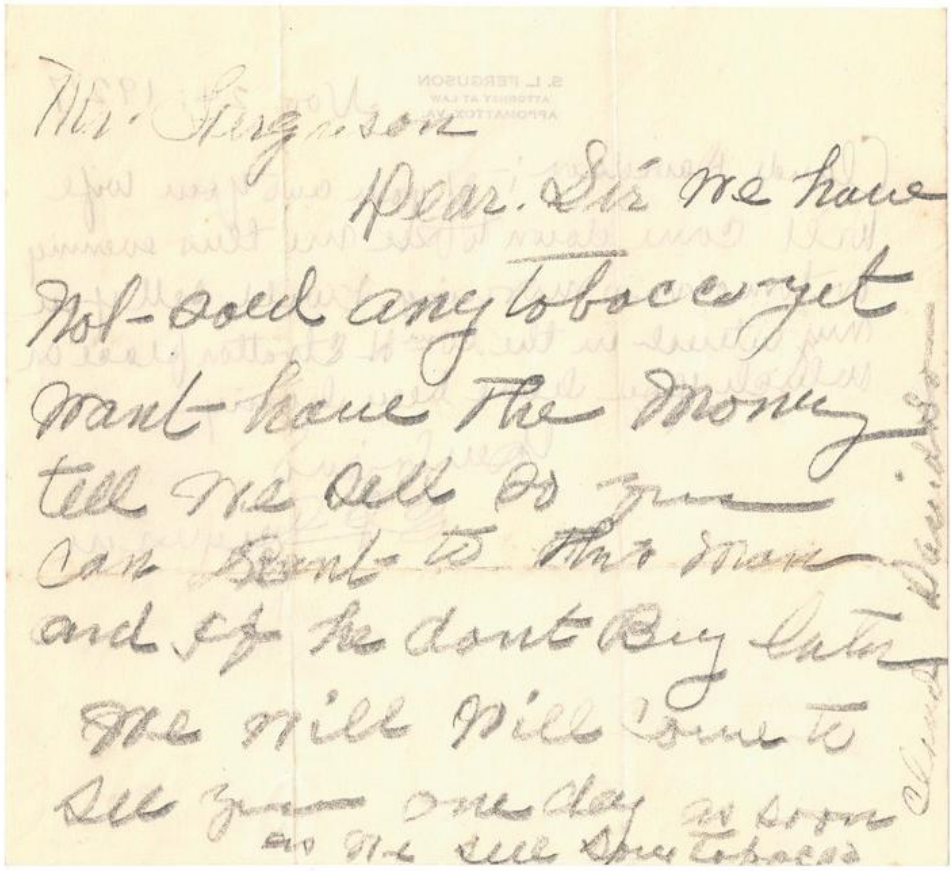


S. L. FERGUSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
APPOMATTOX, VA.

Nov. 24, 1927

Claude Davidson:- If you and your wife will come down to see me this evening or tomorrow morning I will sell you my interest in the Wm H Stratton place on which you have been living -

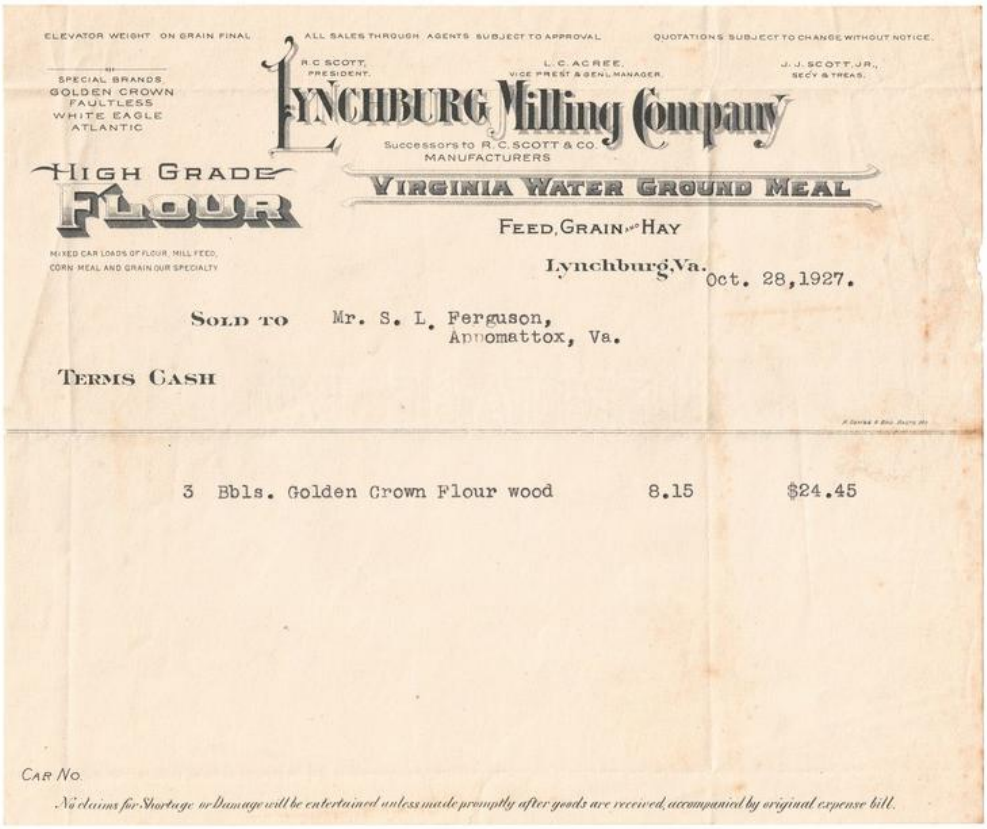
Your friend
S L Ferguson



Mr. Ferguson

Dear Sir we have
Not sold any tobacco yet
want have the money
tell we sell so you
can Rent to this man
and if he dont Buy later
we will will come to
sell you one day as soon
as we sell some tobacco

Chas Davidson



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Lynchburg, Va. Oct. 28, 1927.

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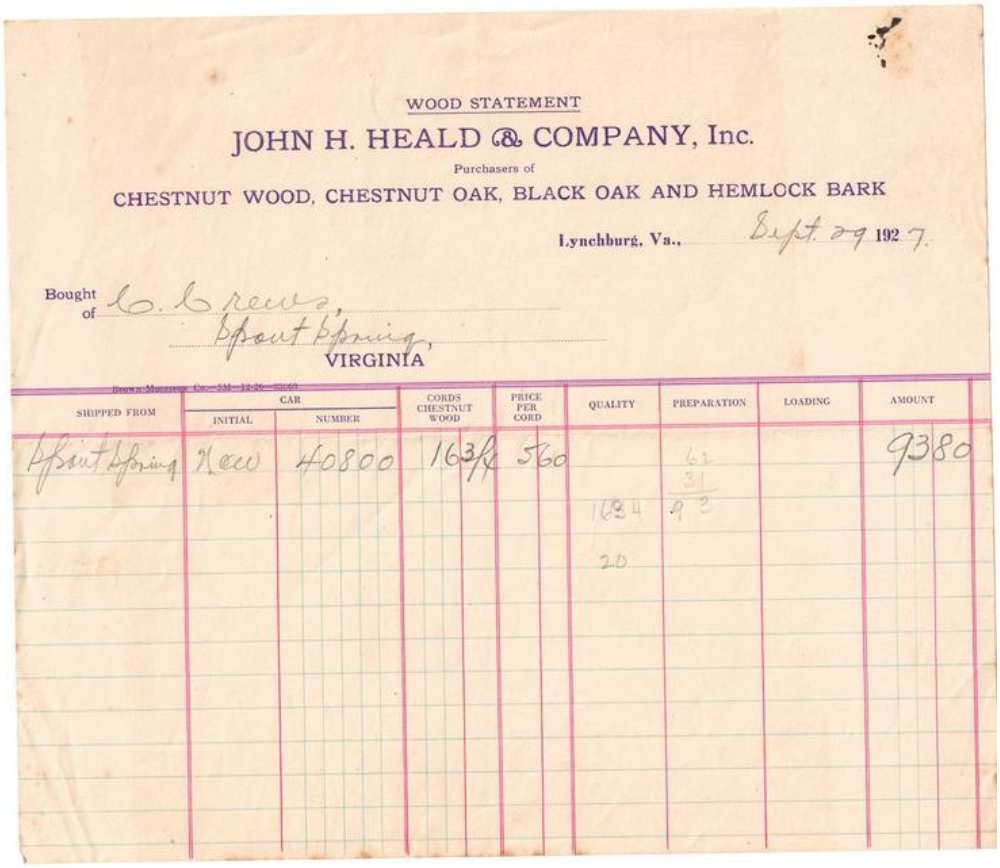

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JOHN H. HEALD & COMPANY, Inc.

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CHESTNUT WOOD, CHESTNUT OAK, BLACK OAK AND HEMLOCK BARK

Lynchburg, Va., Sept 29 1927.

Bought of C. L. Crews,
Sprout Spring,
VIRGINIA

SHIPPED FROM	CAR INITIAL	CAR NUMBER	CORDS CHESTNUT WOOD	PRICE PER CORD	QUALITY	PREPARATION	LOADING	AMOUNT
Sprout Spring	N&W	40800	16 3/4	560		62 31 93		9380
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Manteo N.C.
Nov. 7th 1927

Hon. Sam L. Ferguson
Appomattox Va.

Dear Senator-

You will remember we called on you some time ago in the interest of the road from Buckingham via Glenmore to Scottsville and I am told that the State Highway Com. will be in Farmville on Nov. 12th and should you be there on that date, will greatly appreciate it, if you can put in a good word for this road. I will attend this meeting & no doubt quite a delegation of Buckingham Co. citizens will be in Farmville on that occasion

With kindest regards I am

Yours very truly

Perkins Ellis

Letter from H. B. Chermside, Charlotte County Clerk, to Senator S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.15

Date: 1927-11-22

Author: Chermside, H. B.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L. (Samuel Lewis)

Scope and Content:

Letter from H. B. Chermside, Clerk of Charlotte County, to Senator S. L. Ferguson. Chermside thanks the senator for a letter and encloses a resolution from the county board accepting an offer to add 0.8 of a mile to the state highway between Charlotte Court House and Drakes. He states they will do the work with their own forces and asks Ferguson to request that Mr. Shirley lower the cost estimate. He mentions a previous project that was completed for $900 less than the original estimate, thanking the senator for his help.

Charlotte County Clerk's Office
Charlotte C. H., Va.

HON. ROBT. F. HUTCHESON, JUDGE

H. B. CHERMSIDE, CLERK
MISS RUTH GRIFFETH, DEPUTY CLERK

Nov.22,1927

Hon.S.L.Ferguson,

Appomattox,Va.

Dear Senator:

I thank you very much for your kind letter enclosing copy of letter to Quin Eggleston. I am today enclosing Mr.Shirley a resolution of our board accepting the offer of the commission to add .8 of a mile to the state highway betwen here and Drakes, we to do the work with our own forces. I hope you will ask him to ease us down on ~~xxxx~~ estimate as much as possible. Through your good offices,Mr.Shirley was mighty nice to us on the other two miles,and we did it with our own forces at $900. less than their original estimate. We certainly thank you for all you have done and are doing for us about this road.

With best wishes, I am,

Truly your friend,

H B Chermside

Letter from D. M. Blankinship to Senator S. L. Ferguson regarding a new artificial limb for Linwood Godsey

Item ID: MSL-20260104.36

Date: 1927-11-23

Author: Blankinship, D. M.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:

Typed letter from D. M. Blankinship, Supervisor of the Bureau of Industrial Rehabilitation, to Senator S.L. Ferguson of Appomattox, Virginia. The letter discusses the case of Linwood Godsey, who needs a new artificial limb. Blankinship notes that the Bureau paid for repairs on Godsey's old limb in 1926, but it is now broken beyond repair. Having heard that the family might be able to afford a new limb, Blankinship asks Senator Ferguson to investigate the family's financial situation. If the family cannot pay, Blankinship requests a letter from the Senator to help get the Board to authorize the expenditure, as they are not currently taking on new cases.

HARRY F. BYRD, GOVERNOR

HARRIS HART, SUPT. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

C. G. KIZER, INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

D. M. BLANKINSHIP,
SUPERVISOR INDUSTRIAL REHABILITATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

BUREAU OF INDUSTRIAL REHABILITATION

RICHMOND

NELLIE T. HARRIS
SECRETARY

Nov. 23, 1927

In re: Linwood Godsey:

Hon. S.L. Ferguson,
Appomattox,
Virginia.

My dear Senator:

You will recall that in August 1926 I paid for some repairs for an artificial limb for Linwood Godsey. He was in the office this morning asking that we furnish him a new limb.

Examination shows that the old limb is broken down to such an extent that repairs are now impossible.

I was in Appomattox some time last year and was informed by some of the citizens that this young man's family was sufficiently well off to supply him with the artificial limb. I have requested him to see you and have you write me in regard to the matter. If in your judgment, the young man's father is not able to pay all or for any part of the artificial limb and you think it a worthy case and one that should be helped, please write me and I will take it up with my Board and see what can be done. At the present time, acting on instructions from the Board, we are not taking on any new cases, but if you think this case should be helped, a letter from you to that effect would probably enable me to get my Board to authorize it. However, if the young man's family is able to take care of it, please so advise.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

BUREAU OF REHABILITATION:
D M Blankinship
Supervisor

B:H

Letter from C. E. Lewis to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.83
Date: 1927-11-23
Author: Lewis, C. E.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Handwritten letter from C. E. Lewis of Vera, Virginia, to S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox, Virginia. Lewis states he has overdrawn his bank account and asks Ferguson to make a deposit of $45.00. He promises to send a bill for lumber the following week and explains a delay in receiving a check from Lynchburg.

C. E. LEWIS
ROUGH AND DRESSED LUMBER

VERA, VIRGINIA, Nov 23 1927

Mr & L Ferguson
Appomattox VA

Dear Sam.

I find I have overdrawn my Bank acc. I wish you would make a deposit for $45.00 for me. I will appreciate it. I will render you a bill next week for all lumber sent you each bill seperate as I will finish Saving it this week and will send it out Monday.

Thanking you kindly. I expected a check from Lynchburg but the man was out of town and would not be back for 10 days.

Sincerely C E Lewis

C. E. LEWIS
ROUGH AND DRESSED LUMBER

VERA, VIRGINIA, _____ 192

Letter from the Highway Route 10 Completion Association to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.76

Date: 1927-11-28

Author: Brock, R. K.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:

A typed letter from R. K. Brock, President of the Highway Route 10 Completion Association, to Hon. S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox. The letter discusses strategy for upcoming public hearings on funding allocations for Virginia's Route 10. Brock advises on attending hearings in Petersburg rather than Charlottesville, organizing delegations from various localities (Appomattox, Nottoway, Lunenburg, etc.), and advocates for a respectful approach to the Commission to secure funds for "hard surfacing" the road. Other individuals mentioned include W. R. Jones, Senator Kendig, and Leslie Ligon.

HIGHWAY ROUTE 10 COMPLETION ASSOCIATION

"THE MAIN STREET OF VIRGINIA"

Pres. R. K. BROCK, Farmville, Va.
V-Pres. W. R. JONES, Blackstone, Va.
Sec. R. E. GARLAND, Farmville, Va.

FARMVILLE, VA.

November 28, 1927.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Friend Ferguson:

I did not receive a wire from you last week so assumed that you could not get a private interview with Major Shirley. I held myself in readiness to go if I heard from you,if it were possible.

Now with regard to the public hearing on allocations. That section of Route 10 in which we have special interest between Petersburg and Appomattox, lies half in the Lynchburg District and half in the Richmond District, the Districts meeting in Burkeville, and therefore while the hearing for the Lynchburg District is on the 8th of December in Charlottesville, and the hearing for the Richmond District on the 9th in Petersburg, I believe it will be more convenient to get delegations to go to Petersburg than to Charlottesville. So far as I am personally concerned I will be glad to go to either place, but it seems to me that the majority of the people would rather go to Petersburg and I do believe we ought to have a good delegation there on the 9th.

I hope you will look after a delegation from Appomattox. I have asked W. R. Jones of Blackstone to look after Nottoway, and Senator Kendig to look after Lunenburg. I am also writing to Leslie Ligon at Pamplin, and to Loving.

I still have hopes that we may get a little hard surfacing on Route 10 out of these next allocations, but whether we do or not it is important to make a side-show of interest. My idea is not to go before the Commission in an attitude of kicking and complaint, but simply urging respectfully the Commission's earnest consideration of what we have in mind, so that whether they can do anything more for us now than they have arranged for in their tentative allocations or not it will place us in excellent line for first consideration out of any funds which may come into their hands and not already allocated.

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FARMVILLE, VA.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson - Continued - Nov.28, 1927.

Please let me hear from you as to whether I can count on you getting a delegation to Petersburg on the 9th. I will be out of town the last part of this week and the first of next so I hope that you will let me hear from you promptly.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Robt. K. Brock

RKB:N

Letter from Governor Harry F. Byrd to S. L. Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260104.46
Date: 1927-11-30
Author: Byrd, Harry Flood, 1887-1966
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from Virginia Governor Harry Flood Byrd to Hon. S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox, Virginia. Governor Byrd appoints Ferguson as a delegate to represent Virginia at the National Convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America, to be held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C., from December 5-8, 1927. Byrd regrets that the State has no funds to defray expenses for such meetings but expresses his wish that Ferguson attend as an official representative.

HARRY FLOOD BYRD
GOVERNOR

Commonwealth of Virginia

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RICHMOND

PETER SAUNDERS
SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR
VIOLET E. MC DOUGALL
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

November 30, 1927.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sam:

I have appointed you a delegate to represent Virginia at the National Convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America, to be held at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., December 5-8, 1927. I regret that the State does not have a fund out of which to defray expenses of representatives to meetings of this kind, but should you be able to attend I want you to be an official representative of the State.

Cordially yours,

H. F. Byrd

Letter from the Governor of Virginia to Julia May Parker

Item ID: MSL-20260320.10

Date: 1928-01-21

Author: Byrd, Harry F. (Harry Flood), 1887-1966

Recipient: Parker, Julia May

Scope and Content:

Letter from the Governor of Virginia (Harry F. Byrd, Sr.) to Julia May Parker of Appomattox, Virginia, responding to her letter of January 6. The governor states that he is unable to act on her request but has forwarded her letter to Senator S. L. Ferguson, asking him to prepare a bill along the lines she suggested concerning a monument. The governor expresses confidence that Senator Ferguson will give the matter careful attention.

Commonwealth of Virginia
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
RICHMOND

January 21, 1926.

Miss Eula May Burke,
Box 63,
Appomattox, Virginia.

My dear Miss Burke:

Your letter dated January 8 for some unaccountable reason, just came to my office this morning. As you know my address to the General Assembly has been delivered some days, so it is impossible for me to do anything in that direction.

Now I am forwarding your letter to Senator Ferguson and I am asking him to have a bill prepared along the lines of having the committee appointed as you suggest. This is certainly the best way to reach it now and I have no doubt but what this bill will go through. I am glad to know that Congress is also looking into the matter. I am confident Senator Ferguson will give this matter every attention and I shall be glad to cooperate with him in any way that I can.

Very truly yours,

E. Lee Trinkle

Governor.

CC- Senator S. L. Ferguson

Letter from Bruce-Clements Drug Company to Samuel Ferguson regarding the Wright Cosmetic Tax Bill

Item ID: MSL-20260104.27
Date: 1928-01-27
Author: Clements, E. Staley
Recipient: Ferguson, Samuel

Scope and Content:
A letter from E. Staley Clements of the Bruce-Clements Drug Company in Dillwyn, VA, to State Senator Samuel Ferguson in Richmond, VA. The letter expresses strong opposition to the proposed "Wright Cosmetic Tax Bill," calling it a reincarnation of a disliked federal tax. The author argues that the bill would penalize retailers by forcing them to collect the tax without compensation, annoy customers, and ultimately benefit mail-order houses and peddlers who would be exempt. The letter cites the negative impact of a similar tax in South Carolina and urges Senator Ferguson to oppose the legislation.

AGENCY
EASTMAN KODAKS
WHITMAN'S CANDY

Bruce-Clements Drug Company

The Rexall Store

PROPRIETORS
T. ELLISON BRUCE
E. STALEY CLEMENTS

DILLWYN, VA. JAN 27 1926

Hon. Samuel Ferguson,
The Senate,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir:-

In further reference to our wire of this date relative to the so-dalled " Wright Cosmetic Tax Bill", I wish to explain our position about it.

This bill is merely a reincarnation of part of the Federal Tax Bill used during the war. It has long since been discarded by the government as it recognized it as a nuisance tax and was obnoxious. In our opinion there is no emergency, at this time, existing in Virginia that would warrant such legislation as this.

We are absolutely opposed to this bill for the following reasons-

It penalizes a retailer in that he must stamp up all cosmetics exposed for sale, collect for the stamp from customer at time of sale. All this is annoying both to the retailer and the customer. No provision is made in this bill to compensate the dealer for the time, annoyance, trouble, use of his money by the state-money expended for his initial supply of stamps- or his position as tax collector for the state.

If this bill in enacted it will ~~xx~~ reduce the amount contemplated ~~xx~~ being raised, for the sales of such goods will almost all go to the mail-order houses and to the house-to-house peddlers who are specifically exempt, as the title to the goods remains in the concern who employes the agent and cannot be taxed- Interstate commerce. It will actually act as a boost to peddlers and mail-order houses and reduce materally the sales on such items from the legitimate, honest community serving retailers. South Carolina has such a tax bill and it has played havoc with the retailers there.

We have talkes this bill over with numerous people in this county and have not as yet found one person that favored the same.

We trust that you may see your way clear to oppose this bill and all such legislation that will be coming up.

Thanking you very much for your time and consideration, we are,

Very truly yours,

BRUCE-CLEMENTS DRUG CO.,
By E. Staley Clements

Letter from Geo. T. Coleman of Craddock-Terry Company to S. L. Ferguson regarding a donation of shoes

Item ID: MSL-20260104.40

Date: 1928-11-01

Author: Coleman, Geo. T.

Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:

Typed letter on Craddock-Terry Company letterhead from Geo. T. Coleman to S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox, Virginia. The letter states that the company is shipping a box of shoes for Ferguson to distribute to poor children. The box contains both worn shoes and new, but off-style, shoes. The author expresses hope that the donation will be helpful.

REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.
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November 1st, 1928

Mr. S. L. Ferguson
Appomattox, Virginia

Dear Sam:

We are shipping you a box of shoes by Express to-day. The greater part of these have been worn, but we feel that they will do some good among the poor children, and know that you and Mrs. Ferguson will distribute them to the very best advantage.

The new shoes we put in are off-style, but are such good quality we hope they will help you some too.

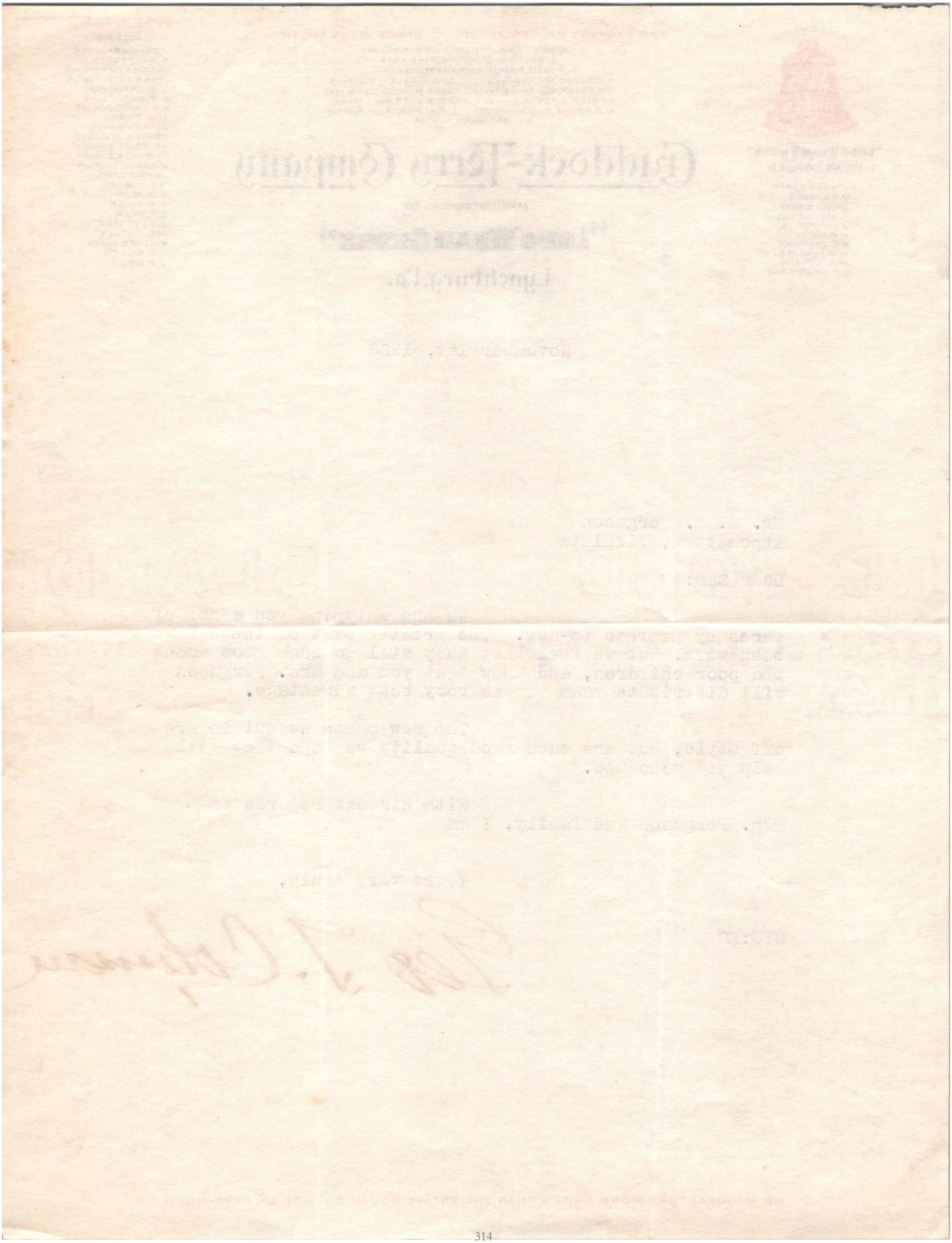
With kindest regards to Mrs. Ferguson and family, I am

Yours very truly,

GTC:EG

Geo T. Coleman

WE MANUFACTURE MORE SHOES THAN THE ENTIRE SOUTH OUTSIDE OF LYNCHBURG.



Certificate of Inspection for Dwelling #73

Item ID: MSL-20260104.43
Date: 1929-02-16
Author: H. L. Brown; P. M. Coleman; W. L. Brown
Recipient: S. L. Ferguson

Scope and Content:
A certificate from the Town of Appomattox, Virginia, dated February 16, 1899. It certifies that dwelling #73, owned by S. L. Ferguson, has been recently rewired and that the work has been inspected and approved. The document is signed by H. L. Brown, P. M. Coleman (manager), and W. L. Brown.

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APPOMATTOX, VA.

This certifies that dwelling #73, owned by S. L. Ferguson, has been recently Wired and the work inspected and approved by W. L. Brown.

P. W. Coleman Mgr.

W. L. Brown

2/16/29

TRITON BOND

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Letter from C. R. Sanderson to Senator Fugere regarding a carillon bill

Item ID: MSL-20260104.59
Date: January 26
Author: C. R. Sanderson
Recipient: Senator Fugere

Scope and Content:
Letter from C. R. Sanderson, a contractor and builder in Petersburg, VA, to Senator Fugere. Sanderson expresses support for a bill introduced in the legislature to fund a carillon, stating that local sentiment is overwhelmingly in favor of it. He urges the senator to support the bill and argues that funds should not be diverted to other projects like "doubtful roads" or a "higher institute of learning," which he believes should be self-supporting through student fees. He concludes that Virginia is lagging behind its neighboring states. A postscript reads, "In our Bond is interest of above."

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Jan 26th

Senator Fugerson

Dear Senator

I notice that there has been a bill introduced in the legislature for a Carillion instead of what the Committee selected.

The sentiment here is overwhelmingly for the Carillion do what you can for it

I hope your body will not sacrifice our roads on which depends our development as a State for the higher institute of learning which should be largely self supporting from the charges to students

Va is laging behind our neighbor states which should not be.

With kind regards

C. R. Sanderson

In Mr Bruce in interest of above

A Resolution

Item ID: MSL-20260104.32
Date: July 1926
Author: Town Chairman; Town Clerk
Recipient: —

Scope and Content:
A resolution passed by the Town Council of Lamartine, Wisconsin, concerning the use of the Town Hall and establishing rules for public dances. The resolution specifies rules for the approach to the building and sets regulations for conduct, capacity, and hours for public dances held in the hall. The resolution was passed at a meeting in February 1926 and formally dated July 1926.

Letter to S. L. Ferguson regarding a potential return to Appomattox, Virginia

Item ID: MSL-20260104.72

Date: October 1

Author: —

Recipient: Mr. S. L. Ferguson

Scope and Content:

Typed letter on University of South Carolina letterhead to Mr. S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox, Virginia. The unidentified author thanks Ferguson for a letter dated September 29 and expresses his desire to return to his home in Appomattox County. He discusses his interest in purchasing and operating the TIMES VIRGINIAN newspaper and also mentions a keen interest in politics. The author's current profession necessitates his absence from home, which he regrets due to family illness and his own health.

University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION DIVISION

October 1.

Mr. S. L. Ferguson,
Appomattox, Virginia.

My dear Mr. Ferguson:

I thank you very much for your letter of September 29. I am grateful of your kindly interest, and shall always remember it. There is not a man in Appomattox County who is more interested in the progress and welfare of Appomattox boys than yourself.

The only objection I have to my profession is that it necessitates my absence from home, which I especially regret during the illness of members of my family and my own precarious health. It is my ultimate hope to return to Appomattox County and establish myself there, as every man must feel a similar inclination toward his own native region.

The newspaper business, which I think I know rather thoroughly, is attractive to me. It is possible that I may at some time purchase the TIMES VIRGINIAN and operate and expand it, if it can be bought reasonably, and I am inclined to think that it can be so bought soon. I have been waiting, too, for something else to develop which would warrant my returning--something else to do in connection with operating a good paper there. I must admit also that that I have a keen interest in politics, but I shall profit from the

experiences I gained a few years back, when I was admittedly under the influence of ill-advised friends, certainly in many respects. Still, I appreciate the valiant support of friends, as every man does, and the campaign gave me a fine opportunity to learn the County. If I do return permanently, it is unnecessary to assure you that I shall take delight in supporting you, your administrative policies, etc.

Again thanking you for your personal interest, I am

Cordially,

H. Babcock

Letter to Sam and Joe

Item ID: MSL-20260104.21
Date: Thursday night
Author: —
Recipient: Sam and Joe

Scope and Content:
Handwritten letter from an unidentified author in Richmond to recipients "Sam's and Joe". The author expresses loneliness and mentions a recent phone call. They describe a difficult trip taken that afternoon with Mrs. Brown, Evelyn, and Julie May, noting the roads were "almost impassible". The author also mentions suffering with their eyes and having them examined. They are contemplating a trip for the upcoming Sunday, depending on their health and the weather.

Commonwealth of Virginia
Senate Chamber
Richmond

Thursday night

My dear Sam's and Joe -

Am lonesome tonight for you - Every body has retired except Va, Dan & I and while I am waiting for him to come up will write you a few lines - Was glad to hear your voices over phone this morning - I was just getting up when you called, you see I am getting very lazy since you left - Mrs Brown Evelyn, Nile May, and I went to Leg this afternoon - I have been suffering with my eyes, so that I'd have them examined and see if it would help me to feel better - I am tired as we made a quick trip and found the roads almost impassible in some places - We had to push car out of mud twice - It seems that most every one in Appox expects to go down Sunday - I may decide to go Sat on 4 if I am feeling well enough - I don't think I'll go third Country unless it is very warm & pretty -

Bill for lumber furnished by C. E. Lewis

Item ID: MSL-20260320.8

Date: circa 1920s

Author: C. E. Lewis

Recipient: Mr. S. L. Flynn

Scope and Content:

Handwritten invoice from C. E. Lewis, a dealer in rough and dressed lumber in Vera, Virginia, to Mr. S. L. Flynn. The bill itemizes lumber furnished for a house for Mr. Godsey, a brick house stable, steps, and a crossing body. It includes types of wood such as oak and poplar, quantities, dimensions, board feet calculations, and prices. The total cost is $105.56.

C. E. LEWIS

ROUGH AND DRESSED LUMBER

Lumber furnished Mr. S. L. Feyner.

VERA, VIRGINIA, _____ 192__

By C. E. Lewis

Bill Lumber furnist for house at Mr. Godosy

3966 feet at 18.00 — $71.38

over bill { 1 2×8 – 16. } 18.00
{ 15 2×4 – 16. } " " 18 1/3 — 3.26

74.64

Brick house

1100 feet 4/4 boards $18.00

Brick house stable — 19.80

Pure house

20 pcs 2×4 = 10 — 132
2 " 2×8 10 — 26
2 " 2×8 – 14. — 37 — 195 – 18.00 — 3.51

Oak for steps

House on road

2 pcs 2×4 = 14
2 " 2×10 – 10
2 2×12 14 } 107. 22.00 — 2.35

18 pcs 1×14 = 10. Poplar 210. at 22.00 — 4.60

Oak 30 feet for cross in body – 22.00 — .66

105.56

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Suggestions for Tax Reform by H. F. Byrd

Item ID: MSL-20260320.38

Date: circa 1925

Author: Byrd, H. F. (Harry Flood), 1887-1966

Recipient: —

Scope and Content:

A typed document marked "NOT FOR PUBLICATION" by H.F. Byrd, likely from his campaign for Governor of Virginia. Byrd outlines his proposals for tax reform, emphasizing the need for an equitable distribution of the tax burden and efficient administration. The document also presents an analysis of state expenditures, comparing figures from 1915 and 1925, and discussing Virginia's spending relative to other states.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION.

SUGGESTIONS FOR TAX REFORM BY H. F. BYRD.

As a candidate for Governor of Virginia I pledged my best thought as a business man to reform and simplification of our tax system. After careful investigation and reflection, I have reached certain conclusions which it is proper I should state in advance of my inaugural that I may have the benefit of constructive criticism and helpful suggestions.

The questions involved concern an equitable distribution of the tax burden between both the taxing units and the owners of the several subjects of taxation. Tax reform primarily requires the establishment of efficient machinery of administration, for the success or failure of any tax system depends upon its fairness and efficiency in practical operation.

A system for the collection of revenue that will be at once equitable and workable is essential to our unity and progress. Mere makeshift measures will not give us such a system. We must lay a foundation sound and broad in principle upon which we can build a tax structure that will stand the strain of a developing state. Nothing less than such a system can facilitate the development of our great natural resources and enable us to take full advantage of our agricultural and industrial opportunities and encourage desirable immigration.

Like every other advance in governmental efficiency, tax reform must be supported by intelligent public opinion. The educative process has passed through the first stage; the State is aroused to the fact that the new progress, to which the forward-looking men and women of Virginia are so hopefully loo king, cannot be enjoyed without such reform.

Our Present Expenditures.

The power to tax has well been defined as the power to destroy. Certainly nothing can operate more effectively to curb the progress of industry and agriculture than the imposition of oppressive tax burdens. As the tax burden is controlled by the aggregate expenditures of the government, an intelligent consideration of tax reform involves fundamentally a study of State disbursements. Only sufficient taxes should be levied to adequately and efficiently finance the functions imposed upon our government by the necessities of civilization. As the rising cost of government throughout the United States is, in my judgment, a great economic problem, I present for the information of the people of Virginia the following facts as to our expenditures and our relative standing in this respect among the states of the Union.

The net expenditure of both the state and local governments of Virginia for the year ending July 1, 1925, was $89,010,195, not including the expenditure for town purposes by incorporated towns, information for which is not available. Of this amount, $23,687,390 was spent for local and state roads, and $21,105,840 by the state and localities for schools. Our federal income taxes, exclusive of other federal taxes, last year were $15,303,807.

Virginia expended from the State treasury $8,835,293 in 1915, and $33,108,972 in 1925, an increase of 275 per cent. During the same period the expenses of all the states increased only 185%. (This latter includes bonds issued by other states). During the same period prices increased 40 per cent.

If the total wealth of Virginia, much of which lies dormant, were invested in profit-producing business, our state and local taxes, exclusive of federal taxes, would take a yearly toll of 2 per cent.

How Virginia Stands.

Virginia is the 19th state in wealth, the 19th in population, and the 33rd in area. Due to our large colored population in per capita wealth we stand 38th.

In 1924 Virginia was the 15th state in total tax income derived from revenue, exclusive of the proceeds of bond issues. In 1924 we led all Southern states, except Texas, in both total expenditures from revenue and in per capita expenditures from revenue.

With 300,000 less population, Virginia expended in 1924 from current taxation $7,000,000 more than North Carolina.

In 1924 the per capita revenue from taxation in Virginia was $11.64, while the average of all the states, including the rich states of the North and West, was $12.31 per capita.

In the conservation of health and in sanitation Virginia ranks 11th, and leads every other Southern or South Atlantic state, spending in 1923 $.28 per capita as compared to $.20 per capita for all the states.

In money spent for the maintenance of state roads, Virginia stands 7th, and in 1924 spent $1.95 per capita, as compared to $.99 average among the states.

For education (the operation of public schools and state colleges) Virginia stands 11th in revenue from taxation, and spends more per capita from the state treasury than any other Southern or South Atlantic state excepting Texas, and appropriates more than the average per capita of all the states. The average for education from the treasuries of the states is $3.17 per capita, and Virginia spends $3.31.

In appropriations for the operation of state educational institutions, exclusive of public schools, Virginia stands 18th, and exceeds every Southern and South Atlantic state except Texas and Oklahoma.

In state disbursements for agriculture, Virginia stands 14th, and expended $.39 per capita, with $.43 as the average.

In charities, hospitals, and corrections, Virginia stands 20th, with a per capita expenditure of $1.10 as compared to the average of $1.57.

The above figures are all taken from the financial statistics compiled by the federal government and relate only to state revenue derived from taxation and expended for operation.

In capital outlays - which many other states have financed by bond issues - for highways Virginia stands 15th, and exceeds every other Southern state except Texas and North Carolina.

In capital outlays for education Virginia stands 21st.

In consideration of the future expenditures of Virginia, we should bear in mind that, in the past five years, Virginia was one of five states in the Union to reduce appreciably its public debt, inherited from pre-Civil War days. As the years go on her

revenue can be nearly all applied to public work. She will not labor under huge interest charges and the burden of principal repayment as very many of her sister states must do.

In a comparison of our per capita expenditures due allowance should be made for the important fact that Virginia has a population one-third Negro.

An equalization of benefits is as important as an equalization of taxes. If our tax revenue be unequally distributed among our several state functions it is within the power of the General Assembly to apportion it so that the best interests of all the people may be served.

Progress by Efficiency.

True progress is not measured by the number of dollars expended but by the benefits derived from such expenditure. The demands of progress can be frequently met by increasing the purchasing power of the tax dollar. Virginia is a great business corporation and the people have the right to demand a dollar's value for every dollar expended. Numerous suggestions have been made to me of new taxes to impose upon the people but few have shown the way to give more service for the money now spent.

It has been the historic mission of Virginia to lead the way in great movements. Today a great opportunity is again offered us to set an example in efficient and economical government divorced from political considerations, with progress equal to that of our most worthy competitors.

The federal government is constantly invading fields of activity heretofore considered state functions. The state government is doing the same with the localities. Duplicated governmental activities increase our taxes, interfere unduly with the liberties of the citizen and pervert government from its proper purposes.

I am well aware that the progress of civilization demands at times new governmental functions. Yet our fundamental duties to our citizenship should be first worthily performed before embarking upon new state activities, costing little, perhaps, at the start, but becoming more costly as they develop.

The danger of expanding state activities, financed from untried but seemingly attractive sources of revenue, which may later dry up and leave a great state plant to operate as a burden on the general treasury, will, I am sure, be apparent to every thinking person.

During my service as Governor I dedicate myself unreservedly to the wholesome progress of Virginia, but the government should be conducted upon business standards of economy and efficiency and taxes kept within the ability of the people to pay.

I will be mindful of all our essential state functions so that every proper arm of the state may be developed in proportion to its contribution to our general welfare.

Inherent Inequalities In Our Present System.

The time has come when we must remove the inherent inequalities in our present tax system. As now constituted, this system encourages the evasion of intangible taxes, as well as the competitive under-assessment of land by offering the temptation to one locality

to benefit at the expense of another. A state united in common purpose and effort is necessary to our progress. Such unity is not attainable when our tax laws unequally distribute the burden between tax units and cause sectional prejudices.

Agriculture.

To my own knowledge, agriculture in Virginia is bearing a heavier burden of taxation, in terms of net income, than any other industry is bearing. The state would be quickly rewarded by a readjustment of our tax burden in order to give reasonable relief to agriculture and stimulate and encourage the progress of the basic industry of the state.

The farmers of Virginia, as elsewhere, have suffered a deflation which depressed the price of all they had to sell while continuing the high war price level of most of the necessities they buy. With characteristic intelligence and sanity the Virginia farmer made no demand for legislative panaceas. He set himself to the task of economic rehabilitation by hard work and the elimination of non-essential expenditures. He has the right to demand that his government be likewise conducted with the same rigid economy and business simplicity.

I favor the removal of the state tax on land and tangible personal property, which will do much to accelerate the slowly returning prosperity of the Virginia farmer and will also help the householder and wage-earner.

Relief to Industry.

My investigation leads me to the conclusion that reasonable relief in the taxation of capital used in industry is necessary to promote our industrial development, the benefits of which will be reflected in every walk of life. The laws imposing this tax should be clarified and the tax itself made less.

The Tax That Keeps New Citizens Away.

I am convinced that the tax of $1.10 per $100 on the assessed value of stock owned by Virginia citizens in non-resident corporations is doing more to prevent new citizens from locating in Virginia than any other one thing. This tax is unjust because the non-resident corporation is taxed in the State of its location. It is twice as much as the rate on other intangibles, such as notes, bonds, and other evidences of debt. This excessive rate defeats its purpose as a revenue producer, as is shown by the relatively small assessment of this class of property.

My Recommendations.

I announce a tax reform program, complete in detail, which I hope may be accepted as a safe and constructive reorganization of our tax system upon fundamental principles. I believe the changes I suggest and urge will cause the minimum disturbance in the sensitive arteries of business and will promote a constructive progress in our essential state activities.

The limitations of the State Constitution preclude the consideration of certain other suggestions. Tax reform dependent upon constitutional amendment would delay relief for four years.

Tax Equalization Between Localities.

Two suggestions have been made to equalize the glaring inequalities of assessment of real and personal property now existing among localities throughout the state.

One was to establish a central state tax board at Richmond to control real estate and tangible personal property assessments. I opposed this board for reasons I made clear in my campaign. It was a major issue. I consider my decisive nomination and election to be a direct mandate from the people of Virginia against the control of real and tangible personal property assessments by a central state tax board.

The other suggestion, favored by me in my campaign, was to repeal the state tax on real and tangible personal property, thus removing the necessity for equalization between the tax units, but still leaving the question of inequality between the citizens of the same community, to which I will later refer. Because of the adjustments necessary, this repeal cannot be effective until 1927, but it can be made effective then as I will undertake to show.

This plan avoids the dangers of a state central tax board to control the assessment of land and tangible personal property, with the expense and concentration of power incident to its establishment. Such a board would of necessity be compelled to increase the assessments in a large majority of the counties and this would result in increased taxes on the farmers, who are the least able to pay.

From the 25-cent state tax on real and tangible personal property, on a basis of the 1925 re-assessment with normal increases, and the public service corporation realty, the revenue derived in 1927 is dedicated as follows:

Schools	$1,961,500.
State Roads	1,438,800.
Health	143,880.
Total	$3,544,180.

From the remaining twenty-five cent state tax on intangibles and rolling stock of railroads - which my plan does not disturb inasmuch as no inequalities of assessment exist - the following revenue will continue to be derived:

Schools	$ 761,600.
State Roads	498,750.
Health	49,875.
Total	$ 1,310,225.

My plan provides that every dollar lost by the repeal of the 25-cent land and tangible personal property tax for roads, schools, and health, shall be made up, so that the state shall continue to contribute for these purposes to an extent equal to the 1925 re-assessment of land with normal increases.

I do not favor partial segregation. I favor giving to the localities for exclusive local taxation all real and tangible personal property and to the state all intangible property for exclusive state taxation.

Now, let us see how we make up to the state the loss she suffers by this plan:

Plan of Making Up Loss to State.

Segregate to the State: Class 1. (Notes, bonds, and other evidences of debt) 20 cents now being taxed by locality	$ 400,000.
Segregate to the State: Class 2. (Capital). 30 cents now being taxed by locality	480,000.
Segregate to the State: Bank Stock - 85 cents now being taxed by locality	800,000.
(No increase in the total tax rate is made)	
The repeal of the state tax on public service realty amounts to approximately $400,000. Increase tax on gross income of public service corporations to the equivalent	400,000.
In 1915 the rolling stock of railroads was segregated to the State at the average of all local rates. Rolling stock is now taxed at $1.75, while the average rate is $2.42. This additional assessment of $.67 per $100 will realize	335,000.
Transfer the $700,000 county road appropriation, without disturbing the one-cent gasoline tax now going to counties for farm-to-market roads. Increase in receipts from gasoline tax will absorb loss. In 1927 Mr. Shirley estimates the one-cent county gasoline tax will amount to $1,750,000.	700,000.
Equalization of automobile licenses on basis of 3/4¢ per pound of weight instead of horse-power, effective in 1927, and devoted to roads. Increased revenue	600,000.
Saving in administration and commissions for collections and assessments	195,000.
Total	$ 3,910,000.

(Note - If the rate on intangibles is decreased and an increase on net incomes above $5,000 is made as proposed, this loss in revenue from intangibles would be made up by increased revenue from incomes.)

By this plan ninety-four counties will gain, after deducting all losses, including each county's proportion of the $700,000 road appropriation. Nineteen cities will gain and four will lose. My own city of Winchester is one of the four losers.

All cities will gain .
Cities will lose in intangibles

Net gain

All counties will gain .
Counties will lose in intangibles
Loss county road appropriation

Net gain to counties

Note - Loss to counties of $700,000 county road appropriation will be made up by increased receipts from one-cent county gasoline tax before 1927 when Act is effective.

Total gain to cities and counties

Made up as follows:

Increased tax on incomes of public service corporations equivalent to repeal of state tax on public service realty	$400,000.
Equalizing tax on rolling stock of railroads with average rate	335,000.
Equalizing automobile license tax	600,000.
Saving in cost of administration	195,000.
Total	$ 1,530,000.

It should be understood that the gain to the localities is based upon the present ratio of assessed value of land and tangible personal property. The average assessments of the twenty-three cities as compared to actual value is 56 per cent. The average of the one hundred counties is 32 per cent. The grand average for the entire state is 41 per cent. In 1923 four cities were assessed less than the grand average and seventy-five counties were assessed below this average. The repeal therefore of the state land and tangible property tax gives relief to each locality proportionate to the ratio of assessed value to real value of that locality.

Increase in Tax on Rolling Stock of Railroads and Public Service Corporations.

The increase in the tax on the gross income of public service corporations to an amount equivalent to the repeal of the state tax of $400,000 derived now from the assessment of public service realty, is justified by business conditions.

The increase in the tax on rolling stock of railroads to an amount equal to the average of the rates throughout the state is necessary to secure an equality of ta xation with other classes of tangible personal property.

Transfer of the $700,000 County Road Appropriation.

The amount of $700,000 is being appropriated for the improvement of county roads. It must be matched dollar for dollar by the county and the joint fund is expended under the control of the State Highway Commission. In about thirty counties this fund amounts to less than $2,500 per county. Farm-to-market roads improvement is

essential to our progress. In suggesting the transfer of this appropriation to the general treasury, I am confident that the development of these important roads will not be retarded. The one-cent county gasoline tax will continue to go to the counties in monthly payments, and will amount to $1,750,000 in 1927, an average of $17,500 to each county, according to Mr. Shirley's estimate. Therefore the increase in the receipts from the gasoline tax will, before the repeal of this $700,000 road appropriation in 1927, nearly absorb the loss occasioned by this transfer. The county gasoline tax in 1927 will approximately equal the combined receipts from both the 1925 county one-cent gasoline tax and the present appropriation.

It should also be considered that, in the plan of segregation above proposed, a large percentage of the intangibles segregated to the state are returned from the cities. In view of the gains to the counties by the repeal of the state tax on land and tangible personal property it is not unjust to the counties to transfer this fund to the state, while still giving the counties the constantly increasing one-cent gasoline tax for their road purposes.

If it is desired to replace each county's proportion of this road fund, ninety-six counties can levy a sufficient part of the 25-cent state tax removed and a large majority of the counties can still give a direct reduction to the taxpayers.

From 1918 to 1923 the State maintained approximately two thousand miles of road. Since 1923 the State has been maintaining approximately five thousand miles, thus relieving the counties of such maintenance. Each year further additions are made to the State system and all highway routes through townships up to 3,500 population are maintained by the State.

I believe the one-cent county gasoline tax should be used primarily for maintenance and thus preserve many farm-to-market roads now disintegrating through lack of adequate maintenance.

Equalization of Motor License Tax.

Twenty-five states have adopted either a weight basis or combined weight and horse-power basis for taxing motor vehicles for licenses. This is done in recognition of the fact that the damage to the roads is in proportion to the weight and not horse-power. Makes of cars weighing twice as much as the Ford are now paying the same license tax as the Ford in Virginia.

In our general program of tax equalization this glaring injustice to the owners of the lighter cars should be corrected by following the example of other states and fixing the license by weight.

A tax of 3/4 of a cent per pound of weight will reduce the license tax on the Ford touring car about $1.00, and the Ford runabout by more than $2.00.

This tax will make available $600,000 additional.

If the equalization of the automobile license tax is adopted I hope to be able in two years to recommend a reduction in the license tax, by reason of the increases in the gasoline tax, which is the fairer tax. But we should equalize first.

I will welcome practical suggestions for the consolidation of the different motor taxes: (1) state license; (2) city license; (3) local property tax; so that the payment of the motor taxes may be simplified.

The loss of $1,961,500 to schools will be made up by increasing the appropriation from the general treasury to this extent.

The loss to State roads of $1,438,800, will be made up as follows:

Transfer of county road appropriation	$ 700,000.
Equalization of license tax	600,000.
Increased appropriation from gen. treasury	138,800.
Total	$ 1,438,800.

The loss to health of $143,880 will be made up by increasing the appropriation from the general treasury to an equal amount.

Now, where will the general treasury get the money?

The general treasury would gain as follows:

Segregation of intangibles and bank stock	$1,680,000.
Increase in tax on public service corporations and rolling stock of railroads	735,000.
Saving in administration	195,000.
	$2,610,000.
Less increased appropriations from general treasury for roads, schools, and tuberculosis as above	2,244,200.
Balance	$ 365,800.

The balance of $365,800 is a margin of safety, which added to the other gains later outlined can provide in part for the existing deficit.

I am advised by competent authorities that section 135 of the Constitution, which requires an appropriation to schools equal to a mill tax, is satisfied by an appropriation from the general treasury equal to the proceeds of the mill ta x. Such an appropriation is provided in this plan. This removes any constitutional inhibition to complete segregation.

Objections Considered.

I will very briefly refer to the major objections that have been advanced to segregation:

1. That it has been tried and has failed.

This is not true. We have never had real segregation. In 1925 the State retained the mill tax on real and tangible personal property and the localities continued to tax intangibles.

2. That with segregation, the revenue for the general treasury of the State is not flexible enough to meet the demands of progress.

The conditions existing today are quite different from the conditions of 1918, when the demand for increased appropriations for roads, especially to meet the Federal Aid, contributed to the increase in the State tax on land and personal property, and disrupted the partial segregation plan adopted in 1915. The gasoline tax was not then considered. Today the gasoline and license taxes are largely providing for roads under the pay-as-you-go plan. With an increase of one-cent in the present gasoline tax (to which I was pledged in my campaign, and which I believe is generally endorsed throughout the State), combined with the normal increase in the gasoline tax receipts, there is a dependable and progressive source of revenue for road building. Indeed there is a prospect after the bi-

ennium of 1926 and 1927 that a part of the road appropriation from the general treasury may be transferred to other State activities, as the judgment of the General Assembly may approve.

I have stated and again repeat my opposition to dedicating either the gasoline tax or the automobile license tax to purposes other than roads. A diversion of this fund to other purposes destroys the inherent justice of this tax, which is being cheerfully agreed to by the motor owners of Virginia because it is expended for the improvement of roads, and thus benefits directly those who pay it.

Again, under our present business development, there is a continuing and notable increase in the assessment of intangibles now segregated for State taxation. This source of State revenue now yields a great deal more money than could have been collected in 1918.

3. That if the tax on land and personal property is removed, legislative representatives may vote for extravagant appropriations because the districts they represent contribute so little to the general treasury.

This will not be true under conditions existing today for the same reasons as outlined in answer to objection No. 2. Intangibles segregated to the State are widely distributed. The gasoline and license tax, devoted to the State system of roads, including the one-cent tax for county road purposes, are paid by 300,000 automobile owners located in every corner and section of Virginia. At present many counties contribute as little as $5,000 and even less to the State treasury by the 25-cent tax. The repeal of this tax is not likely to influence representatives to engage in the unpatriotic and wasteful expenditure of public funds.

4. That the State tax on land and personal property will again be imposed and will work a hardship on those localities that have surrendered intangibles.

As an answer to this, I propose an amendment to the Constitution to be voted on in the presidential election of 1928, when a representative vote is assured, to prohibit the State from taxing land and tangible personal property. This will afford a referendum to settle this question which is now threatening the unity of Virginia. Such a referendum should remove this question from political campaigns thereafter.

If the amendment be adopted, it means an endorsement, after a fair trial, of real segregation and a perpetuation of this policy by a constitutional provision. If disapproved, a mandate will be given to the General Assembly to abandon segregation and adopt another plan.

Equalization and Reduction of Intangible Taxes.

I favor a reduction in the tax on the ownership of stock in non-resident corporations already taxed in other states, from $1.10 to $.50 per $100 of assessed value, effective for 1926, and segregating this tax to the State.

I favor a reduction in the tax on notes, bonds, and other evidences of debt, effective in 1926, from $.55 to $.50 per $100 of assessed value.

In order to encourage industrial development, essential to our prosperity, I favor a reduction in the tax on capital, effective in 1926, from $1.15 to $1.00 per $100, and lower if possible, and a reasonable adjustment and clarification of the definition of capital.

Losses to the State treasury by the above reductions will be as follows:

Loss to State by reduction in tax on ownership of stock of non-resident corporations, but gain to individual taxpayer	$ 180,000.
Loss to State by reduction in tax on notes, bonds, and other evidences of debt, but gain to individual taxpayer	100,000.
Loss to State by reduction in tax on capital, but gain to taxpayer	240,000.
Total	$ 520,000.

I favor an increase in the income tax above $5,000 of net income sufficient to make up this loss. The present income tax is one per cent. up to $3,000 of net income, and two per cent. above $3,000. By increasing the rate from two to three per cent above $5,000 net income, an additional revenue of $579,675 will result, according to the Auditor's estimate. This places the loss, with a margin of safety of $60,000, in reducing the rate on intangibles and capital in industry, in a measure upon the same class who receive the benefit, but the burden will be more equitable as it will fall upon the taxpayers most able to pay. The barrier now existing against desirable immigration into the State will be removed and industrial development stimulated.

Administration.

I well know that tax segregation is not the end of tax reform. It is merely an incident in its progress. Administration is the key to genuine tax reform.

If the plan above outlined be adopted, just and efficient administration can only be secured by a competent state tax board to control and supervise the collection and assessment of intangibles.

I would favor a paid chairman of proven executive ability and knowledge of taxation, the other two members to be the Governor and Auditor. The appropriation for the State tax board is now $18,400 annually.

The tax board as thus constituted should supervise the assessments of intangibles and give advisory aid, if desired, in equalizing real estate assessments as between citizens of the same community; but with the express provision that, so far as land and tangible property are concerned, this advisory authority is to be exercised only when requested by the local board of equalization. I am convinced that the return from intangibles, capital, and incomes can be greatly increased by efficient administration.

Reduce Commissioners of Revenue.

I favor a State law to reduce the commissioners of revenue, after their present terms, to one in each county, with the power to appoint deputies in the large counties where one man cannot do the work. Forty-five counties have one commissioner of revenue. The remaining fifty-five have a total of 154. This will reduce the office-holders by ninety-nine and save $88,189 to the counties and $40,440 to the State, and make a total saving of $128,629. It will add to efficient administration.

The Deficit.

This plan will provide a margin of safety to partially retire the deficit in the State treasury, which every dictate of good business demands. Other arrangements for its extinction in a reasonable period should be made.

I have made no allowance for increased assessments of intangibles, which I think will certainly result from the reduction in rate and more efficient administration.

Incorporated Towns.

Great care has been taken not to work a hardship on incorporated towns. The majority of intangibles within the counties is in the townships and the local tax collected is applied to town, not county, purposes.

A table carefully prepared shows that, if the tangible personal property within each township is segregated to the towns for exclusive taxation without increasing the present tax, the towns will in most instances be compensated for the loss incurred by segregating intangibles to the State. I am considering other methods of compensating the towns which may be preferable.

Exact Information.

I am prepared to furnish, upon request, exact information as to how this plan affects each city, county, and town.

Simplification of Tax Laws.

By my investigation of our tax laws, I am convinced that a most useful work can be accomplished by a codification and simplification of our tax laws. No revision of our tax laws has been made since 1903. Our tax laws should be codified in one Act entitled, "The Tax Code of Virginia." Our tax laws are in a state of confusion and are difficult to understand. In many instances their meaning is ambiguous or obscure.

We have a calendar year for taxing incomes, the regular tax period of February 1, the license year of May 1, the appropriation year of March 1, and the fiscal year, when all departments report, of July 1.

A constitutional amendment is voted on next fall to change the appropriation year to July 1, which, if adopted, will greatly improve present conditions.

I will suggest the appointment of a non-salaried commission, of which the head of the Legislative Reference Bureau will be chairman, to present to the next General Assembly a simplified code of our tax laws.

Income and Inheritance Taxes.

I am investigating the question of harmonizing, as far as possible, the computations of the state income tax and the federal tax, so that the federal income report can serve as a basis for the state report. I also favor giving to the taxpayer the right to choose a fiscal year as is now given by the national government.

With adequate authority vested in the state tax board, I would favor the assessment of incomes exclusively by this board, using the tax returns of the federal government as a check on the returns under the state tax law. This will result, I am assured, in a much better administration of our income tax law.

I favor a practical arrangement with the federal government whereby a joint state and national inheritance tax may be imposed without increasing, and if possible, reducing the present tax. The receipts from the state inheritance tax last year were $409,000, segregated to schools. I expect later to make more specific suggestions as to this tax.

Abolish Land Assessors.

I favor an amendment to the Constitution to abolish land assessors, and the necessity of quintennial assessments, giving the right to each locality to order re-assessments whenever desired. I would impose this work upon commissioners of revenue, with reasonable compensation.

373 land assessors were appointed in 1925 and cost the State alone approximately $150,000, with an equal or greater cost to the localities.

The commissioners of revenue are among our most important officials. By a reduction in the number and a consolidation of duties now performed by land assessors, adequate compensation can be paid without increasing, and, in fact, reducing the total burden on the State, and at the same time attract to this important service men of ability and industry.

Equalization among the taxpayers of each locality will be promoted very much by the repeal of the state land and property tax - perpetuated by constitutional amendment - as the fear of increased assessment by a central state tax agency will be removed.

Abolish Present Boards of Review.

I favor the repeal of the present law providing for the appointment of three citizens to act as members of local boards of equalization for land and personal property assessments, which will abolish 369 officials, and in lieu thereof I recommend a board composed of the chairman of the board of supervisors in counties, and president of the city council, or other officer designated by the city council, in cities, together with the clerk of court and the county or city treasurer. The chairman shall receive a reasonable per diem compensation for this work, while neither the clerk nor treasurer shall receive additional compensation. This Board, as thus constituted, shall sit once each year when the books of the commissioner of revenue are complete, and by advertisement notify the public that consideration will be given to all complaints of inequality of assessment between citizens of that locality, and shall equalize such property assessments.

An aroused interest in local assessments by the repeal of the State land and tangible personal property tax will impel the equalization board, selected from officers elected by the people, to give heed to the removal of inequalities between citizens of the same locality. This, combined with one commissioner of revenue, and advisory aid from the State Board will provide adequate machinery for local equalization.

Multiplicity of State and Local Officials.

The people of Virginia justly complain of the multiplicity of State and local officials. The consolidation of duties will vest public office with a greater responsibility to the people and improve the service by attracting men of capacity to fill these offices. In this statement I suggest the abolition of 99 commissioners of revenue, 373 land assessors, and 369 members of local equalization boards, and the transfer of their duties to existing officials, with a substantial

saving to the State. I will later make other suggestions along this line.

Cost of Local Government.

Nearly two-thirds of the tax burden of Virginia is imposed by the local governments. Tax relief must largely come from a better business administration of local governments, which have enormously increased in cost. I will later submit practical suggestions for greater efficiency, and for an intelligent publicity that will inform the taxpayers about the business operations of their own local governments.

I can only recommend. It is for the General Assembly and Virginians to act. I have presented a tax plan which I believe fundamentally sound. I believe that the following principles are carried out, without retarding the reasonable progress of the State:

1. Equalization of tax burden as between tax units.

2. Relief to the farmers and land owners and wage earners by repeal of state land and tangible personal property tax, which in many localities should be passed on at least in part to the taxpayer.

3. The removal of the barrier now existing against desirable new residents by the virtually prohibitive rate on stock owned in non-resident corporations.

4. Relief to industries in order to promote our industrial development.

I hope that I interpret intelligently the new spirit of progress in Virginia. My contact with the Virginia people during a spirited primary campaign convinces me that this people are demanding progress as never before, but they are equally insistent that their public affairs be conducted with an efficient economy. The people of Virginia have been very generous to me; but their very generosity has made me more conscious of my solemn obligations to them. I am not vain enough to feel that they estimate my abilities as superior to many public men who would serve them, but I do believe that they agreed with my platform and trusted me to be faithful to the promises I made.

This faith I have kept in the tax plan I have outlined here; this faith I will try to keep in all that I do as Governor. In the same spirit of fidelity to the expressed will of the people the members of the General Assembly will consider the tax plan it is my duty to present to them.

I desire above everything else co-operation and sympathetic team-work on the part of the General Assembly by members of both political parties and all Virginians.

Tax reform lies too close to the heart of progress in Virginia to permit political differences to darken or disturb the patriotic obligation to accomplish a great work for the State. But this work must be done within the boundaries prescribed by the expressed will of the people. They have declared themselves upon the general principles upon which we may work out an improved tax system. If some men of strong convictions contrary to those expressed at the polls at the time of my nomination and election cannot agree that the plan here outlined is the best possible plan, I nevertheless welcome them to join us in this translation of the popular will, expressed in general terms, into a law to be worked out in detail. For this reform, when accomplished, will quicken the progress that beckons Virginia to a new day of development and prosperity. We are all Virginians, infinitely proud of our State and all its sections. Can we not get together and agree on the noble conception that what is best for all is in the end best for each?

Virginia State Board of Public Welfare

Item ID: MSL-20260104.71

Date: circa 1926

Author: S. C. Hatcher; R. L. Brewer, Jr.; W. F. Drewry

Recipient: —

Scope and Content:

A report from a committee of the Virginia State Board of Public Welfare concerning the care of over 2000 children committed by the courts as of January 1st. The report details an increase in cases from 1924 to 1925, difficulties in retaining trained workers, and the extensive needs of dependent and neglected children. The committee argues for its budget request for 1926-1928, which is higher than the Governor's recommendation, stating the Department cannot handle the work on less. The report also discusses the cost savings of placing children in free homes instead of reformatories and mentions a statewide initiative to consolidate county almshouses to improve conditions and save money.

VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

On January 1st, the State Board of Public Welfare was caring for over 2000 children committed by the courts, 911 of whom were committed in 1925, an increase of 251 over 1924. Handling these children requires individual care, investigation placement and supervision. It is difficult to hold competent workers, when they can obtain higher salaries without trouble. Within the past month two trained workers have left for easier and more remunerative jobs. The Board of Public Welfare can exercise no choice in receiving delinquent children, and is fairly compelled to accept the dependent and neglected, a large percentage of whom come half-clad, badly needing medical examination and hospital treatment, specialized care and permanent supervision. It is impossible to curtail expenses or cut down the present programme under the law without working great injury to these children. To delay their removal from the jails and almshouses is both inhuman and uneconomical.

One-half of those committed to the Board to go to the reformatories last year after medical care and adjustment, went into free homes. The saving to the State, based on institutional costs, exceeded $100,000.00.

In response to the Governor's appeal for strict economy in making budget estimates, the undersigned committee cut the estimates to the very minimum, asking for only a slight increase, notwithstanding the greatly increased work of the department. For 1926-7, the sum of $42,145 and for 1927-8, $42,495 was asked. The Governor's recommendation for each year is $39,000.00. The Department cannot handle the work on less than the requested estimate. We therefore request that the amounts asked for be authorized.

There is now a state-wide interest in the almshouse problem. Several measures are being considered to alleviate the present intolerable conditions and excessive costs of county almshouses. Following the example of the Eighth Congressional District and surrounding counties in consolidating under the District Home Act of 1914, other regions of the State are considering consolidation. Such consolidations are believed the proper solution by the Board of Public Welfare, which believes that with a travel allowance for an agent of $1,500.00 each year of the biennium, such consolidations could be effected at great improvement and great saving of money to the counties.

S. C. Hatcher,
R. L. Brewer, Jr.,
W.F. Drewry,

Committee.

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Letter from A. B. Davies to Senator S.L.F.

Item ID: MSL-20260104.14
Date: [undated]
Author: Davies, A. B.
Recipient: Sen. S.L.F.

Scope and Content:
A typed letter from A. B. Davies of Clifton Forge, VA, to 'Sen. S.L.F.'. Davies discusses his own candidacy, reporting that J.E. Henley believes he is in a very safe position. He explains that his delay in writing is due to his intense efforts to support Senator Layman's campaign, which he describes as 'the fight of his life.' Davies expresses confidence in Layman's success. A handwritten postscript notes that he has also received favorable letters from 'Mr Miller, Sen. Elect from Bedford' and 'Fuller of Richmond'. The letter is on Commonwealth of Virginia, Senate Chamber, Richmond letterhead.

Commonwealth of Virginia
Senate Chamber
Richmond

A. B. DAVIES
CLIFTON FORGE, VA.

Sen. S.L.F. No 2

Mr. J.E.Henley was here yesterday and went over the matter of my candidacy with me and he is of the opinion that I can feel very safe,however, I wanted to give you all of the facts so that if you feel there should be anything I have left undone you can tell me and I will do it atonce.

As you doubtless know, Sen. Layman has,and is having, the fight of his life and I have been working my very best to elect him,is the reason I have not written you before in regard to my candidacy.

I have been over the entire district with Sen. Layman and we feel very confident of his success. I have never worked any harded in all my life and I feel that we have the matter well in hand.

With my very kindest regards to you and hoping to hear from you as soon as you think these matters over, I am

Most Sincerily yours,

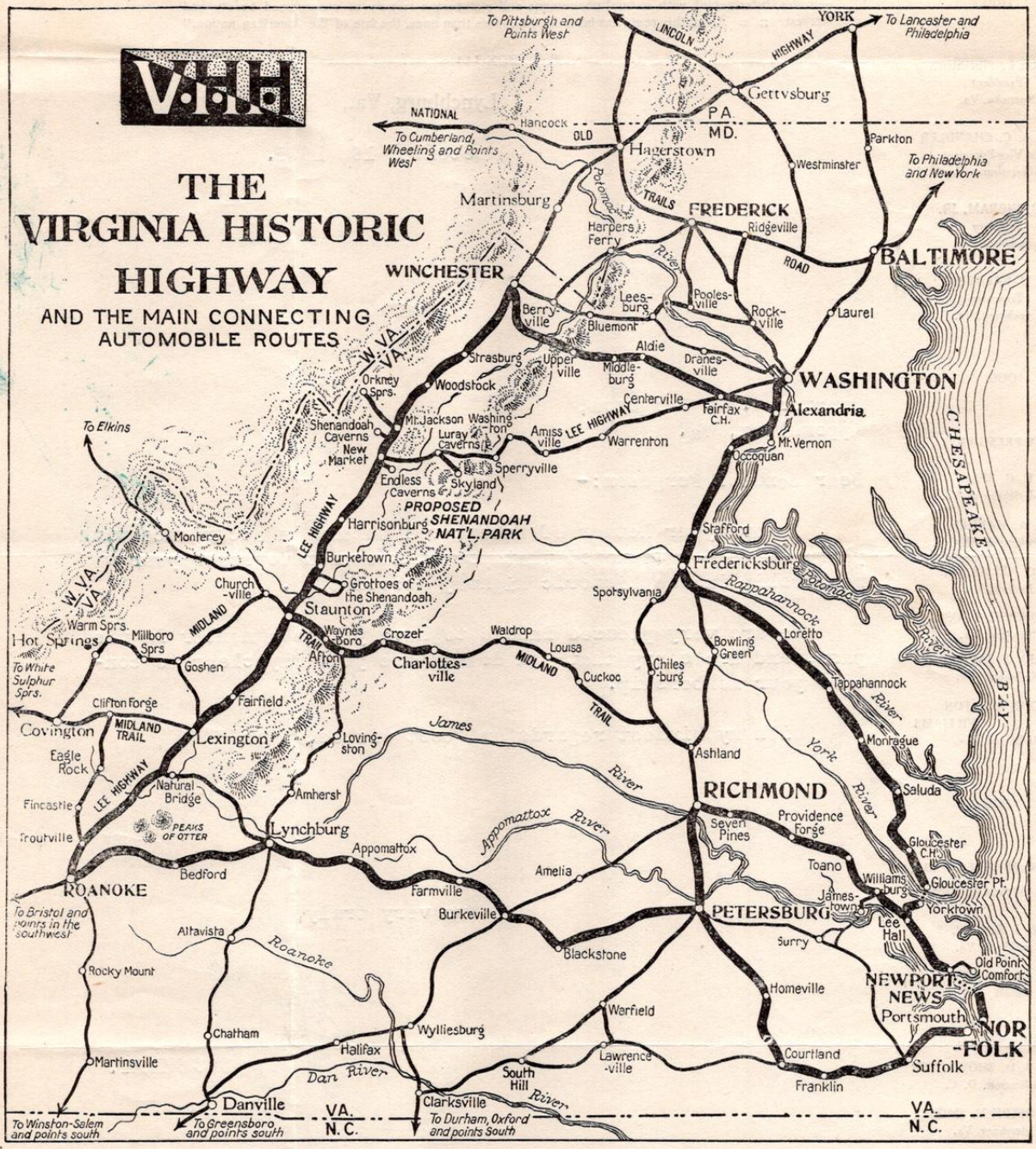
A B Davies

P.S.
I also have favorable letter from Mr Miller, Sec. Elect from Bedford also Fuller of Richmond

The Virginia Historic Highway and the Main Connecting Automobile Routes

Item ID: MSL-20260104.34
Date: [undated]
Author: —
Recipient: —

Scope and Content:
Map created for automobile tourism, detailing "The Virginia Historic Highway" and other major roads through Virginia and adjacent parts of Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. The map highlights cities, towns, and points of interest, including the "Proposed Shenandoah Nat'l Park," various caverns, Natural Bridge, and Peaks of Otter. Routes are shown connecting major hubs like Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Richmond, and Roanoke, with smaller text indicating destinations further afield such as Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and Bristol.



THE VIRGINIA HISTORIC HIGHWAY TOUR.

Burton & Briel, Inc. Loss and Damage Claim

Item ID: MSL-20260104.64
Date: [undated]
Author: W. E. Burton; Burton & Briel, Inc.
Recipient: Unnamed Carrier

Scope and Content:
A completed 'Standard Form for Presentation of Loss and Damage Claims' filed by Burton & Briel, Inc. for $410.00. The claim (Claimant's Number 316, Carrier's Number #665156) is for a shipment of 164 barrels of apples sent to Streator, Illinois. The claim states the shipment was delayed eight days in transit, when it should have taken four. This delay caused the ice in the refrigerated car (WFE 63567) to melt, resulting in the apples heating up and decaying. The total loss claimed is $410.00.

BURTON & BRIEL, Inc.
WHOLESALE FRUITS AND PRODUCE

Standard Form for Presentation of Loss and Damage Claims

Approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission, The Freight Claim Association, National Association of Railway Commissioners, and the National Industrial Traffic League.

(Name of person to whom claim is presented) ..... (Address of Claimant)

316 (Claimant's Number)†

(Name of Carrier) ..... (Date)

#665156 (Carrier's Number)

(Address)

This claim for $..... (Amount of Claim) is made against the carrier named above by **BURTON & BRIEL, INC.**, (Name of Claimant) for ..... (Loss or damage) in connection with the following described shipments:

Description of shipment .....

Name and address of consignor (shipper) .....

Shipped from ..... (City, town or station), To ..... (City, town or station)

Final Destination ..... (City. town or station) Routed via .....

Bill of Lading issued by ..... Co.; Date of Bill of Lading .....

Paid Freight Bill (Pro) Number ....., Original Car Number and Initial WFE 63567

Name and address of consignee (Whom shipped to): **BURTON & BRIEL, INC.**

If shipment reconsigned en route, state particulars: .....

DETAILED STATEMENT SHOWING HOW AMOUNT CLAIMED IS DETERMINED.
(Number and description of articles, nature and extent of loss or damage, invoice price of articles, amount of claim, etc.

164 Bbls. Apples sold to Streator , Ill. day car due in good	
condition for	729.04
Car delayed taking eight days intransit, arrived showing decay,	
badly heated as only enough ice in car to carry same to destination	
4 days as should have made, could only get	319.04
Showing loss of	410.00
Total Amount Claimed	

IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF THIS CLAIM.*

( ) 1. Original bill of lading, if not previously surrendered to carrier.
( ) 2. Original paid freight ("expense") bill.
( ) 3. Original invoice, or certified copy.
4. Other particulars obtainable in proof of loss or damage claimed:

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Remarks: This car should have taken 4th morning delivery and one icing would protect same for that time but same was about twice as long as it should have been, all ice melted out, fruit heated and decayed, account delay.

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The foregoing statement of facts is hereby certified to as correct.

W. E. Burton
BURTON & BRIEL, INC.
(Signature of claimant)

†Claimant should assign to each claim a number, inserting same in the space provided at the upper right-hand corner of this form. Reference should be made thereto in all correspondence pertaining to this claim.
*Claimant will please place check (x) before such of the documents mentioned as have been attached and explain under "Remarks" the absence of any of the documents called for in connection with this claim. When for any reason it is impossible for claimant to produce original bill of lading, if required or paid freight bill, claimant should indemnify carrier or carriers against duplicate claim supported by original documents.

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(Claimant's Number)

(Name of person to whom claim is presented) (Address of Claimant)

(Carrier's Number)

(Name of Carrier) (Date)

(Address)

This claim for $ (Amount of claim) is made against the carrier named above by BURTON & BRIEL, INC., for (Name of Claimant)

(Loss or damage) in connection with the following described shipments:

Description of shipment

Name and address of consignor (shipper)

Shipped from (City, town or station) To (City, town or station)

Final Destination (City, town or station) Routed via

Bill of lading issued by Co.; Date of Bill of lading

Paid Freight Bill (Pro) Number ; Original Car Number and Initial

Name and address of consignee (To whom shipped to): BURTON & BRIEL, INC.

If shipment reconsigned en route, state particulars:

DETAILED STATEMENT SHOWING HOW AMOUNT CLAIMED IS DETERMINED.

(Number and description of articles, nature and extent of loss or damage, invoice price of articles, amount of claim, etc.	
Total Amount Claimed	

IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF THIS CLAIM.*

( ) 1. Original bill of lading, if not previously surrendered to carrier.
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( ) 3. Original invoice, or certified copy.
4. Other particulars obtainable in proof of loss or damage claimed:

Remarks:

The foregoing statement of facts is hereby certified to as correct.

BURTON & BRIEL, INC.
(Signature of claimant)

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Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

W. T. HODGES,
DIRECTOR

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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

January 28, 1926.

Senator S. L. Ferguson,
Senate Chamber,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Senator Ferguson:-

In reading the enclosed booklet, please keep in mind three things:

(1) The State-supported colleges, in seeking appropriations at the hands of the present General Assembly, are united in a co-operative effort - something long desired but never before attained.

(2) The Central Committee, with full confidence that the General Assembly will find the revenues required for higher education when the facts are known, will continue to give the people information about their colleges, and the crises now confronting them.

(3) No public money is being used to finance the work of this Committee, which will continue to be broadly informative and educative in its scope and purpose.

Very cordially yours,

W. T. Hodges

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W. T. Hodges, Director.

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Date: [undated]
Author: Ferguson, S. L. (Samuel Lewis)
Recipient: Cliff

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
SENATE CHAMBER
RICHMOND

S. L. FERGUSON
ELEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT
APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA

Jan 28, 1926

Dear Cliff: Yr letter received - I will rent you Edmondson place to Dec 1 1926 for $50 - payable then - You to look after ~~State~~ care of timber, orchard fences + buildings + not cut any greenwood or timber of any kind. You may improve the dwellings so that they may be tenable but not at my expense - This cheap - The orchard is worth this amount advise me - Your friend

S. L. Ferguson

Letter from Delia and Mamma

Item ID: MSL-20260104.73
Date: [undated]
Author: Delia; Mamma
Recipient: Unidentified

Scope and Content:
Handwritten letter from "Delia & mamma" on Commonwealth of Virginia Senate Chamber letterhead. The letter discusses the travel plans of several people, including Ted, Russell, Alec, Frank, Claud, and a Mr. Flathouse Euler with the Browns. The writer discusses Sara staying with Russell's children and mentions receiving a letter from "Evel-Basil." They express a desire for the recipient to be present for "the manouvertime" (maneuver time) and close with personal remarks.

Commonwealth of Virginia
Senate Chamber
Richmond

Ned and Russell are going with Ale I think - Lorry and Claud with Mr Flatherson Eulee with the Brownes and so on - I will let you know if I want you to meet me - Guess we will use car to come home and would like to stay as late as possible with Sara - ~~Her~~ but will have no trouble in getting company.

Rachel & Raymond went down home this P.M. They are better - I hate to leave Rachel and you home alone - Sara is going to stay at Russell's with children which is very sweet I fur - I received a letter from Cornelia Burd to insure to be in hand as the inauguration would not be complete with out me - I fear I will not be a pleasure to anyone as I dont feel better -

Every thing is quiet news scarce so will close with a good night kiss from

Delia & Mamma

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Author: Byrd, Harry Flood, 1887-1966
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

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"IN THE HEART OF THE APPLE BELT."

WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA
December 5, 1925.

Hon. S.L.Ferguson-2.

If you consider the transfer to the State system of the $700,000 county road appropriation as a lossto Appomattox County, then deduct from the above on Appomattox County $2462—; or to Buckingham County, then deduct from the above on Buckingham County $3060—; or to Cumberland County, then deduct from the above on Cumberland County $1751—; or to Charlotte County, then deduct from the above on Charlotte County $4006.

In my judgment this should not be considered as a loss, as it is still spent on the state system for roads outside of cities, and furthermore the increase in the 1¢ gasoline tax going to the counties, as I have shown, will make up for this transfer by 1927, when the tax plan is effective. I of course will present this more in detail when I see you, but before going further in the matter I would like to have your frank judgment without in any way committing you in the matter.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harry Byrd

Letter from Governor Harry F. Byrd regarding proposed amendments to the Constitution of Virginia

Item ID: MSL-20260320.15

Date: [undated]

Author: Byrd, Harry Flood, 1887-1966

Recipient: —

Scope and Content:
Typed letter from the Governor's Office of the Commonwealth of Virginia, signed by Governor Harry F. Byrd. The letter explains two proposed amendments to the state constitution to be voted on. The first amendment is to Section 170, which would allow counties with a population over five hundred inhabitants per square mile (specifically Arlington County at the time) to impose taxes on landowners for local public improvements. The second amendment is to Section 186, which would permit the state's appropriation year to coincide with the fiscal year. The letter provides instructions for voters on how to mark their ballots. There are handwritten notes in pencil at the top: "Party Law Requires Not Saturday" and "Abolish Amendments".

Commonwealth of Virginia

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RICHMOND

HARRY FLOOD BYRD
GOVERNOR

PETER SAUNDERS
SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR

VIOLET E. McDOUGALL
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Party Law Requires
Not Saturday
Election
Amendments

"For the amendment of Section 170 of the Constitution of Virginia, so as to allow counties having a population greater than five hundred inhabitants per square mile to impose taxes or assessments upon abutting landowners for local public improvements.

"Against the amendment of Section 170 of the Constitution, so as to allow counties having a population greater than five hundred inhabitants per square mile to impose taxes or assessments upon abutting landowners for local public improvements."

"For the amendment of Section 186 of the Constitution of Virginia, so as to permit the fixing of the appropriation year of the State to coincide with the fiscal year.

"Against the amendment of Section 186 of the Constitution of Virginia, so as to permit the fixing of the appropriation year of the State to coincide with the fiscal year."

The marking out of the word "for" or "against" will be sufficient to indicate the wish of a voter, and it will not be necessary for him or her to mark out the entire paragraph to indicate such wish. The marking out of the word "for" in any instance will constitute a vote against the particular amendment, and the marking out of the word "against" in any instance will constitute a vote for the particular amendment.

The amendment to Section 170, so as to allow counties having a population greater than five hundred inhabitants per square mile to impose taxes or assessments upon abutting landowners for local public improvements will not now apply to any county except the county of Arlington, because that is the only county in the State which has so great a density of population, and it gives the county of Arlington no greater latitude in imposing such assessments than the present section gives cities and towns.

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

Letter from Governor Harry Flood Byrd regarding proposed amendments to the Constitution of Virginia

Item ID: MSL-20260320.21
Date: [undated]
Author: Byrd, Harry Flood, 1887-1966
Recipient: —

Scope and Content:
A letter from the Governor's Office of Virginia explaining two proposed amendments to the state constitution for voters. The first amendment to Section 170 would allow counties with a population over 500 inhabitants per square mile (specifically Arlington County) to impose taxes on landowners for local public improvements. The second amendment to Section 186 would align the state's appropriation year with its fiscal year. The letter provides instructions on how to vote for or against the amendments by marking out the words "for" or "against".

HARRY FLOOD BYRD
GOVERNOR

Commonwealth of Virginia

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RICHMOND

PETER SAUNDERS
SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR
VIOLET E. McDOUGALL
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

"For the amendment of Section 170 of the Constitution of Virginia, so as to allow counties having a population greater than five hundred inhabitants per square mile to impose taxes or assessments upon abutting landowners for local public improvements.

"Against the amendment of Section 170 of the Constitution, so as to allow counties having a population greater than five hundred inhabitants per square mile to impose taxes or assessments upon abutting landowners for local public improvements."

"For the amendment of Section 186 of the Constitution of Virginia, so as to permit the fixing of the appropriation year of the State to coincide with the fiscal year.

"Against the amendment of Section 186 of the Constitution of Virginia, so as to permit the fixing of the appropriation year of the State to coincide with the fiscal year."

The marking out of the word "for" or "against" will be sufficient to indicate the wish of a voter, and it will not be necessary for him or her to mark out the entire paragraph to indicate such wish. The marking out of the word "for" in any instance will constitute a vote against the particular amendment, and the marking out of the word "against" in any instance will constitute a vote for the particular amendment.

The amendment to Section 170, so as to allow counties having a population greater than five hundred inhabitants per square mile to impose taxes or assessments upon abutting landowners for local public improvements will not now apply to any county except the county of Arlington, because that is the only county in the State which has so great a density of population, and it gives the county of Arlington no greater latitude in imposing such assessments than the present section gives cities and towns.

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

A Bill to provide for the wearing of uniforms by officers making arrests or searches on the public road of this State

Item ID: MSL-20260320.23

Date: [undated]

Author: —

Recipient: Sheriff of each county and the Sergeant of each city of Virginia

Scope and Content:

A legislative bill from the Virginia General Assembly requiring law enforcement officers (sheriffs, deputies, constables, police officers, etc.) to wear a uniform when making arrests, searches, or seizures on public roads. The bill specifies that the uniform must be either blue or khaki with clear insignia, and that the Attorney General will designate the specific type of uniform. It defines a public road as the roadway and 25 yards on each side. The bill dictates that officers not in uniform cannot receive fees, mileage, or other compensation for an arrest. It also makes it unlawful for a non-officer to wear the uniform, with penalties of a fine and/or imprisonment, though the specific amounts are left blank in the document.

A BILL.

To provide for the wearing of uniforms by officers making arrests or searches on the public road of this State, to prescribe the uniform to be worn and to prevent the taxing or collection of any fees for arrests or prosecutions where said arrest was made on the public highway, by an officer not wearing the uniform prescribed by this Act.

Be it ordained by the General Assembly of Virginia that all sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, police officers, magistrates, conservator of the peace, or other officer whether of like kind or not, acting under the authority of any law of this State or any subdivision thereof, who shall make any arrest, search or seizure on any public road or highway of this State or any road or highway commonly used by the public-shall at the time be dressed in the uniform composed of hat or cap, shirt or coat and trousers, with clear and distinct insignia in the form of buttons or other device which will clearly show his official authority. Said uniform must be either blue or khaki color, and be such as will clearly show same to be an official uniform.

The Attorney General shall, in conformity with the provisions of this Bill, designate the type of uniform to be worn by such officers and shall give notice of same to the sheriff of each county and the Sergeant of each city of Virginia.

Public road or highway as road commonly used bythe public is defined to be the actual roadway so used and an area of 25 yeards on each side thereof from the centre of same.

Any such officer making arrest, search or seizure when not so uniformed shall not receive nor shall there be taken for his benefit against this State or any subdivision thereof, or against any defendant any fee, mileage attendance, pay or any other charge compensation or reward which will inure to the benefit directly or indirectly of said officer.

Where two or more officers as herein defined, act together, this act shall apply to all unless each and all of said officers are uniformed as required herein.

This Act shall not be construed to render any arrest, search or seizure unlawful by reason of the absence of the uniform herein provided for- nor shall it prevent the Act of any officer not lawful, whether uniformed or not.

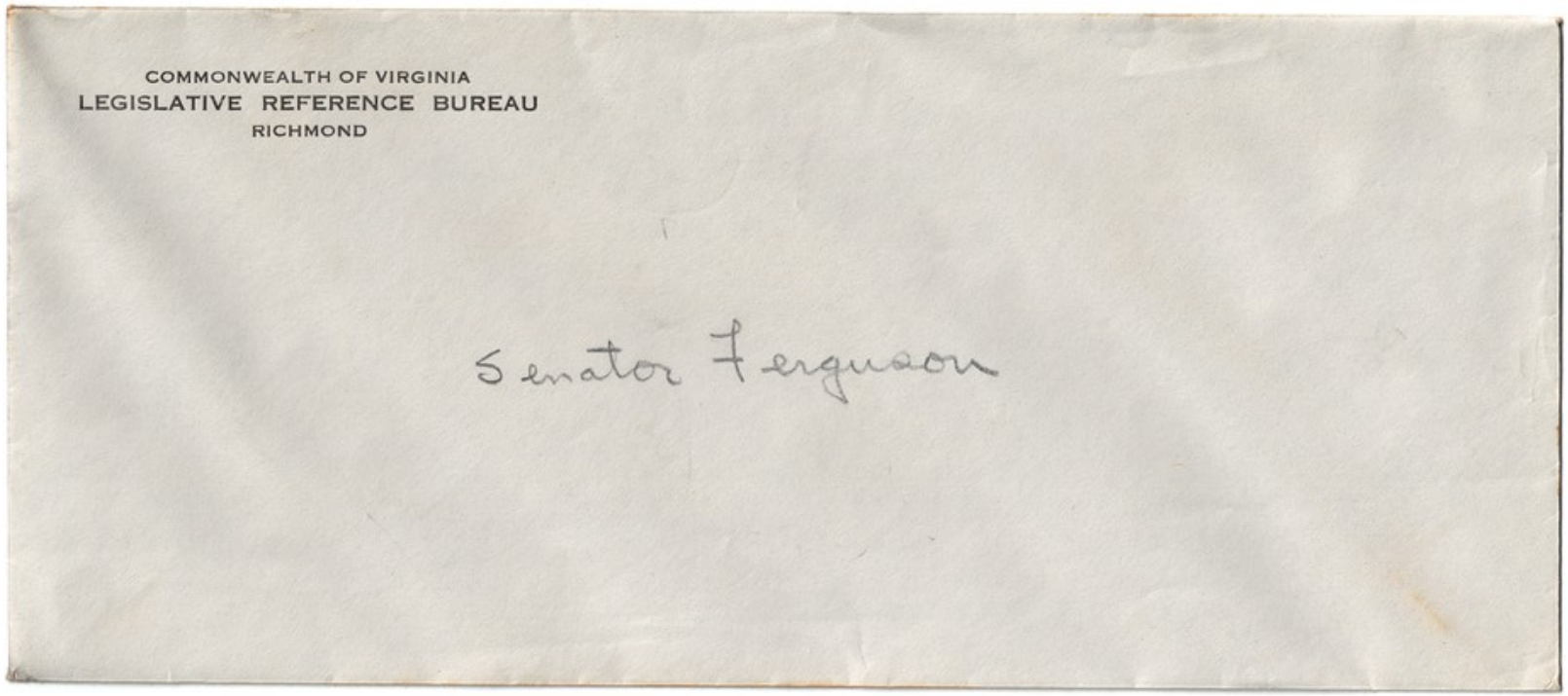
It shall be unlawful for any person, not such an officer as is defined in this Bill, to wear any such uniform as is designated by the Attorney General; and for a violation of this Act, the penalty shall be a fine not exceeding $? , or confinement in jail for a term not exceeding ? months, or both such fine and imprisonment.

All Acts and parts of this Act in conflict with this Act, are hereby repealed.

Senator Ferguson

Item ID: MSL-20260320.31
Date: [undated]
Author: —
Recipient: —

Scope and Content:
Reverse of a document, likely a photograph, with a stamp reading "COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU RICHMOND" and a handwritten annotation in pencil: "Senator Ferguson".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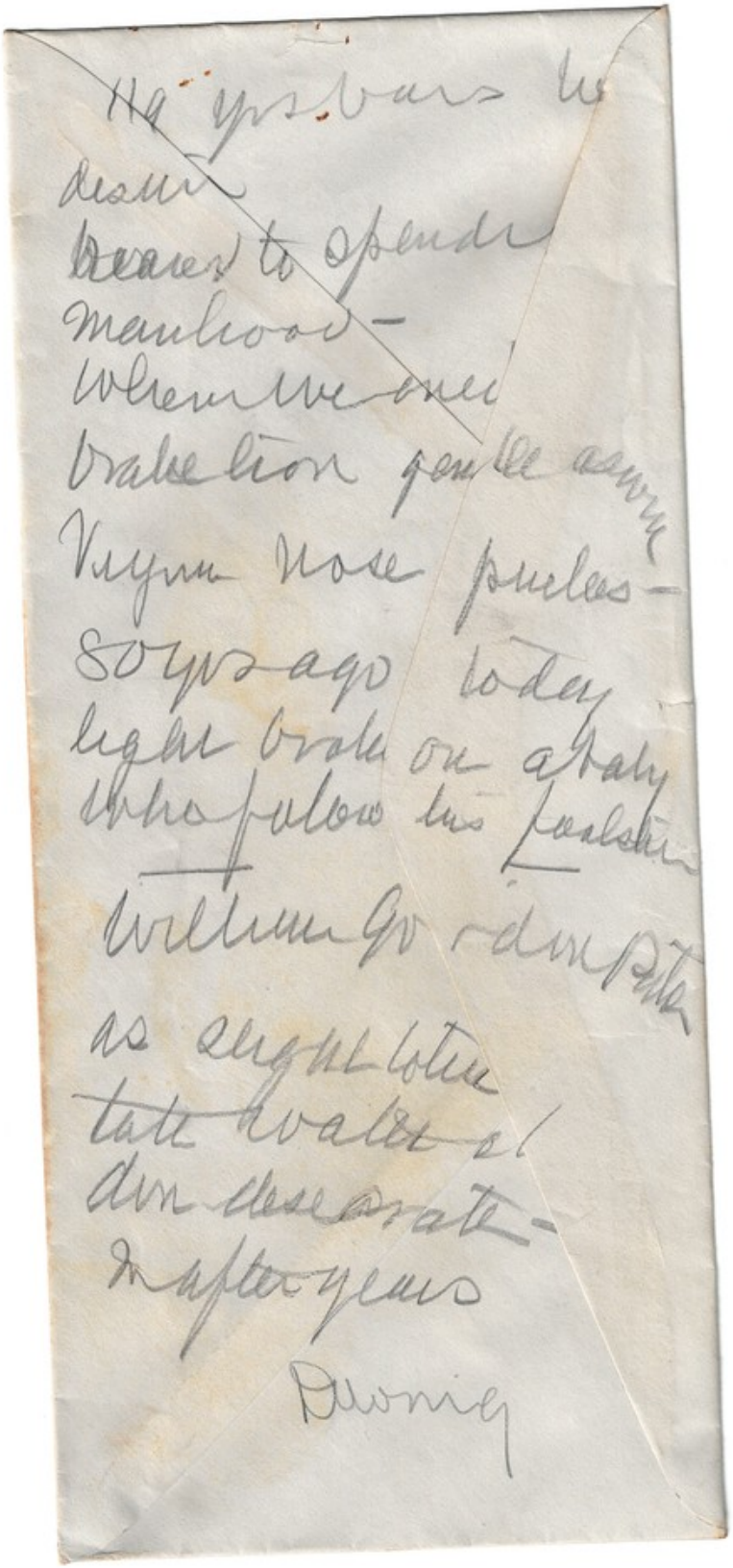
Senator Ferguson



Your Copy of Transgas

Item ID: MSL-20260320.32
Date: [undated]
Author: —
Recipient: Mrs. Rachel Lawson

Scope and Content:
Mailing envelope from Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation in Houston, Texas, to Mrs. Rachel Lawson in Appomattox, Virginia. The envelope was used to send a copy of the publication "Transgas". It includes the sender's return address, the recipient's address, and a bulk rate postage permit.

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GAS PIPE LINE CORPORATION
P. O. BOX 1396 • HOUSTON, TX 77001

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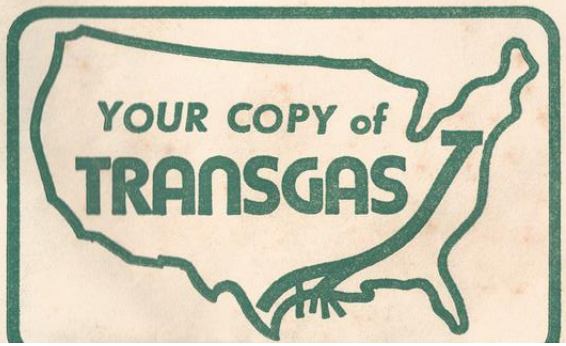
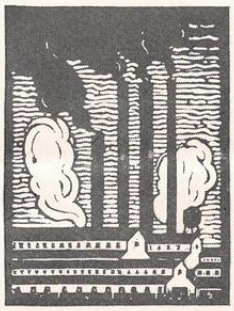
Mrs. Rachel Lawson
Appomattox, VA 24522



A Single Company Investing $100,000,000 in Virginia

Item ID: MSL-20260320.33
Date: [undated]
Author: —
Recipient: —

Scope and Content:
Advertisement by the Virginia State Conservation and Development Commission encouraging industrial investment in the state. It highlights the Allied Chemical Corporation's decision to invest over one hundred million dollars to build the world's largest nitrate plant in Virginia. The ad lists reasons for this choice, including abundant labor, favorable climate, proximity to resources and markets, ample power and transportation, and a hospitable attitude with favorable taxation policies. It urges other industries to follow Allied Chemical's example.



A Single Company Investing

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AFTER an exhaustive survey of the United States, The Allied Chemical Corporation has come to Virginia to make an investment that will exceed one hundred million dollars.

Here they are building the greatest Nitrate Plant in the world. Contracts have been let for the first unit, costing ten million dollars.

Such investments are predicated on facts only. The reasons which have influenced this choice, as given in person by the President of The Allied Chemical Corporation to the Governor of Virginia, are:

Abundance of labor

Genial climate

Proximity to mines

Boundless power

Ample transportation by rail and water

Nearness to all eastern markets

The hospitable attitude of Virginia in inviting new industries

The certainty of favorable taxation both present and future, assured by the "pay-as-you-go" policy of the State—safeguarding against pyramiding bond issues and their ensuing taxes.

As a matter of course, other industries are following the example of The Allied Chemical Corporation in coming to

Virginia

For Information Address:

State Conservation and Development Commission
State Office Building
Richmond, Va.

Report on the funding and budget of the Co-operative Education Association

Item ID: MSL-20260320.35

Date: [undated]

Author: —

Recipient: —

Scope and Content:

Page 2 of a typed document detailing the history, objectives, and funding of an organization. The organization was founded in 1904 through a call by Governor A. J. Montague for the "upbuilding of every interest of the State." The text describes the organization's objective to create a citizens' organization in each community to support state programs. It discusses past liberal funding from outside sources like the Carnegie Foundation and the Laura Spelman Memorial Foundation, which are now gradually withdrawing support. The document concludes with a budget proposal from the Board of Directors for the next two years, requesting that the State contribute $11,000 towards the total $44,000 budget.

This organization came into existence through a call made by Governor A. J. Montague which brought together a group of leading citizens of the State in 1904 and they determined, through their several conferences, to plan for a permanent organization for the upbuilding of every interest of the State. The work, for a number of years, was almost entirely under the supervision of the Educational Department, and as other State Departments were organized the heads of those Departments participated in the supervision, and now we have the supervision of all the Departments above named.

The real objective of the Association is to have one citizens' organization in each community and one organization of the boys and girls in the school, and an organization composed of all the leaders of every organization in the county in order that all of the organizations may, in a co-operative way give their support to the State through their efforts to carry out the programs of various State Departments.

The fact that these outside foundations and private citizens have been willing to give so liberally to the support of the Association during all these years past should be an indication of the value they place on the work. Yet all the work of the Association is resulting in the development of the State, and no advantage whatever is being gained by these individuals. In other words, th State is the recipient of all the efforts put forth. These citizens and foundations are needing the encouragement of the State in order that they will be pleased to continue these gifts for the upbuilding of the Commonwealth.

Because of their belief in the great value of the work of the Co-operative Education Association, the Carnegie Foundation and the Laura Spelman Memorial Foundation have been giving liberally to its support for the past few years. Now that the work of this Association has proven so valuable to the State, these Foundations, believing that the State would make adequate provision for the maintenance of the work, have been gradually reducing the amount of their gifts. The Board of Directors is proposing to share with the State in making up the amount which is being gradually withdrawn by these Foundations.

The Board of Directors, after carefully considering the budget, has indicated that the total budget for the next two years will have to be as a minimum $22,000 per yer, or $44,000 for the two years in order to maintain the work on its present standard. The Board is adking the State to take care of #11,000 during the two year period and it proposes to raise from outside sources $33,000. Of course, all the benefits of our work accrue to the State.

Proposed Tax on Cosmetics for Public Health Work in the State of Virginia

Item ID: MSL-20260320.59
Date: [undated]
Author: Block, Mrs. Chas. R. C.
Recipient: Ferguson, S. L.

Scope and Content:
A printed leaflet urging citizens to contact their state representatives in support of a proposed bill to tax cosmetics. The revenue from the tax would fund public health initiatives in Virginia, specifically enabling each county to have a health nurse to provide relief to 'less fortunate women and children.' The document is endorsed by several public health and religious organizations. This copy has been filled out by hand, addressed to Hon. S. L. Ferguson of Appomattox, Va., and signed by Mrs. Chas. R. C. Block.

population and spent under the direction of the State Board of Health in co-operation with the local boards of health. This fund, together with the regular State appropriation, would enable each county to have a health nurse and greatly increase her efficiency.

The tax on cosmetics is not only a simple way of raising money, but also taxes moderately those who are both able to pay the additional sum for the luxury and are interested in better health conditions. There is something peculiarly fitting in women defraying the expenses of health work which will bring relief to less fortunate women and children.

As a public-spirited citizen will you not express to your Representatives in the State Senate and House your desire regarding this Bill before the Legislature covenes January 15th?

To Hon. S. L. Ferguson

Appomattox, Va.

(Address)

Please vote and work for this Bill.

(Signed) Mrs. Chas. R. Caldwell

Address Appomattox, Va.

PROPOSED TAX ON COSMETICS

FOR

Public Health Work

IN THE

STATE OF VIRGINIA

Endorsed by the Virginia Tuberculosis Association, the Virginia Public Health Association, the Richmond Chapter of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Medical Society of Virginia, and other organizations. ❖ Plan developed from articles written by Dr. B. B. Bagby and published in Christian Advocate, Religious Herald, Southern Churchman, Presbyterian of the South, and Chesapeake Christian.

AN EXAMINATION of health conditions in Virginia reveals an urgent need for more money for health work.

In the hundred counties in Virginia, there are but forty-five public health nurses and because of the limited facilities for making clinics effective and the too small staff of specialists, only a small proportion of the clinics that are needed can be conducted.

In 1924 the school inspection of the 383,936 school children of the State showed that 262,077 had one or more physical defects. Figures available during the World War also revealed a health condition that will exist until funds are secured for its remedy. Forty-eight per cent of the drafted men were unfit for active service because of physical disabilities and 33 per cent were unfit for any sort of military duty. Physicians studying the situation believe that 80 per cent of the ills were entirely preventable. If health is the basis for efficiency in a soldier, is it not also the basis for the highest type of civilian efficiency, and should not means be sought for making sound the bodies of our citizens?

For every crippled child in the State it is estimated that there are at least fifty crippled mothers—crippled at child birth—who could be cured by a few weeks in a hospital for about one-eighth the cost of curing one club-footed child. To these women are trusted the bearing and upbringing of future citizens. Therefore, to permit them to do their work with lowered efficiency is for the State not only a cruel, but also a false economy.

According to the May Handbook of the Virginia Journal of Education, there was spent in the United States during 1920 for cosmetics, face powder, perfumery, etc., $750,000,000.00. Estimates based on population and wealth would show that Virginia spent $12,750,000.00 of this sum. But, as Virginia is primarily a rural State, Mr. J. C. Noel, the U. S. Internal Revenue Collector for Virginia, believes that Virginia spends only about $2,000,000.00 per year on cosmetics.

During the next session of the Legislature there will be introduced a bill to put a stamp tax of 10% upon cosmetics, lip sticks, rouge, face paints, toilet waters and lotions, perfumery, hair oils, hair tonics, pomades and hair dyes for health work.

The money raised by the proposed tax will be spent as follows:

2/3 to be used for nurses and clinics.

1/3 to be used for free hospital beds at the University of Virginia, Medical College of Virginia and State Tuberculosis Sanatoria.

All money to be divided among counties and cities of the State according to